

Protectors Of Plutocracy

WHY EXTORTION!

Strikers Fight Westinghouse **Union-Busting**

Westinghouse Electric Corporation, aided by municipal and state authorities, and police forces is conducting a brutal offensive to smash the three-month strike of 75,000 members of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

This bitter strike against >one of the most powerful and ruthless international trusts has become the most critical labor struggle in As Monopolists America today.

Since General Motors failed in its attempt to beat the CIO United Auto Workers, Westinghouse Electric has become the spearhead for the union-busting program of the big corporations.

The intentions of the Westinghouse moguls to hold out against the union's demand for an 181/2 cent an hour raise, such as was wrested from General Electric and the GM Electrical Division, has been made clear by a series of actions in the past three weeks.

TRICKY OFFER

Several weeks ago, the company made a tricky offer to settle the strike for what it claimed was an 18^{1/2}-cent raise. This proposal was ballyhooed by the company in huge newspaper

On examination, this claim of an 18^{1/2}-cent offer was proved to be an outright fraud. Even the fraternal and trade papers have company representatives had to received 40 to 50 per cent less admit that with the conditions paper than they were previously attached to the offer it "really" amounted only to 15.1 cents. Federal mediators, who with-

drew from the negotiations and assailed the company's conduct. stated: "The company's offer is substantially less than 15 cents ion; John Edelman, columnist an hour.'

It is, in fact, as the union gan of the CIO Textile Work-

Labor Press Hit Grab Newsprint

Many labor, fraternal and veterans' papers have been delayed or threatened with suspension because newsprint manufacturers are diverting their supplies to more lucrative markets. This was revealed when a delegation of labor editors meeting in Washington April 2, asked the Civilian Production Administration to resume government controls on

newsprint. Since the lifting of government controls on January 1, supplies to independent printers have been drastically slashed.

Two New York concerns printing some 50 different labor, allocated.

The delegation represented many of the papers affected: Max Danish, editor of Justice, organ of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Unfor Textile Labor, monthly or-

Harassed Veteran Writes Congressman An ex-GI from Missouri wrote Rep. Gillie (R-Ind.) in Washington this letter. "The Army says I can't wear a uniform after I arrived home because I'll be imersonating a soldier. The stores say I can't buy a suit of clothes because they haven't my size. The police say I can't go on the streets naked because it is against the law. I would gladly stay off the streets but I can't find a house to live in and with the shortage of lumber I can't buy a barrel. Having been wounded, the Army won't take me back because I'm not physically fit."

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Senate Passes Death Sentence **On 65-Cent Minimum Wage Bill** By Larissa Reed

Seeks Extension Of Draft, Universal Training For War

By Art Preis

President Truman's Army Day speech in Chicago on April 6 served notice that American imperialism is pushing the mightiest and most ruthless program of militarism ever conceived.

Behind the thin screen of Truman's diplomatic phrases could be heard the rattle of the saber.

Atomic Energy Remains Under Military Control

Last week the Senate Atomic Energy Committee unanimously adopted a revised amendment to the MacMahon bill for control of atomic energy. Congressmen. liberals and scientists, who had denounced the original Vandenberg amendment because it gave veto power to the military, have hailed the revised amendment with jubilation.

A group of 4,000 atomic scientists and the "liberal" newspaper PM approved the new amendment with declarations that it upholds those who oppose military control of atomic energy. Yet at the same time Chief of Staff Eisenhower and others who have pressed for military control expressed their satisfac-

BRASS HATS WIN that has been said in condemnapresent version.

amendment introduces hanges of a fundamental na- in keeping with technical adture. Under cover of more ob- vances, particularly atomic warscure verbiage and through a fare, which have outmoded the slightly more devious procedure, previous military structure. Wall the military retains its control Street wants a military organiof atomic energy.

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His speech and program were a bellicose procla-

American capitalism flaunted 10tion: "The United States today is a strong nation; there is none version of the Vandenberg stronger. This is not a boast, It is a fact . . .

GRANDIOSE PROGRAM

To assure this position of mepreme might, Truman made plain that the whole American people are to be regimented and Prussianized through a grandiose militarization program.

The heart of Truman's speech was his three-point program for

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the maintenance of a military machine capable of sweeping any opponent or combination of opponents from American imperialism's path.

Truman demanded: "First, unification of all our armed services in a single department; second, temporary extension of the Selective Service Act; third, universal training."

Truman proposes the complete no streamlining of the armed forces

By Charles Carsten

INMUL

tion.

In reality the Senate committee's proposal represents a victory for the military caste, All tion of the original Vandenberg amendment remains true of the

The present "compromise"

mation that Wall Street imperialism intends to impose its rule on the whole globe by force and threat of force. The swaggering arrogance of self in Truman's pointed asser-

howed in detail. an offer of 9.7 ers: Lowell Chamberlain, editor cents. Large numbers of the of Pilot, organ of the CIO Nastrikers, including 10,000 lamp tional Maritime Union; W. E. workers, are assured of no in- Blade, editor of Guild Reporter, creases at all Women workers CIO Newspaper Guild: and Henface a cut of more than six cents | ry C. Fleisher, associate editor an hour because of the com- of CIO News.

pany's refusal to eliminate dif-Other papers already hit inferentials as ordered by a War clude The Hat Worker, organ Labor Board directive issued last of the AFL United Hatters, Cap December 29. Proposed elimina- and Millinery Workers; Shiption of a day workers' bonus yard Worker, Local 16 CIO Inwould mean a slash of 71/2 cents dustrial Marine and Shipbuild-(Continued on Page 8) (Continued on Page 8)

New York Veterans' Group Pushes Housing Program

By Evelyn Atwood

at high rents. Profits are their NEW YORK, Apr. 6-Thousands of homeless and dessole consideration. They are inperate veterans in New York City, where the housing crisis. different to the sufferings of the has reached an acute stage, are being rallied behind the homeless veterans who have reprogressive Program For Action On Housing, submitted by turned from the wars." the American Veterans' Com-

mittee's Housing Committee | dwellings into adequate housto the AVC Metropolitan ing units.

Area Council and approved DENOUNCE RICH INTERESTS by that body on April 3.

The Council is making this campaign for aggressive action on the housing problem its primary business.

The Council's program calls upon the Federal government and the New York State and City administrations to proclaim a housing emergency, and to take the following immediate measures to alleviate the housing shortage:

SIX-POINT PROGRAM

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all unoccupied housing.

2. Make available an increashouse veterans. 3. Halt the wrecking of all

housing suitable for veterans. ties to ease the housing crisis.

5. Take all possible measures tions to build decent houses any effective housing program," veterans. now.

.6. Where feasible and practical, only ones to benefit from the to hold a rally on May 4 at City men assigned to Lichfield as to transform available struc- housing shortage are the real es- Hall Park to press for action on guards.

The AVC Council also demands immediate passage of the original lender-Taft bill, "despite their obvious inadequacies." It further asks for low-rent public housing The AVC Council denounced the "powerful lobbies in Wash- projects for veterans and others

ington which oppose construcearning less than \$50 a week, as tion of new homes." Foremost well as low cost cooperative among these, it stated, is the dwellings and low-cost private



National Association of Real 1. Take over for the veterans big banking and insurance in- | York City Council. "Two points terests.

The AVC revealed that the by the City Council," he said. ed percentage of the quarters in Producers' Council has a five One is the question of halting all clubs, hotels and resorts to million dollar war chest to pro- projected highways in the Bronx England that American soldiers tect the interests of the big and in Brooklyn, because that suffered a virtual reign of terror and that the National Real Es- a number of dwellings. 4. Take over and utilize all tate Foundation campaigned for

rent housing projects.

the AVC Council stated. "The

tures other than sub-standard take interests. A housing shortage the housing orisis.

America's most exploited workers, now Millions of toiling for wages of 40 cents and less an hour, face continuation of living standards below 1929-39 relief levels. Senate's actions last week on Standards Act to cover an additional four to six million underthe Minimum Wage Bill.

paid workers was defeated. After having been blocked for Among these are some two milalmost a year, the 65-cent lion white collar workers in big Minimum Wage Bill was batterdepartment and chain food stores. ed around during the last three weeks by the Big-Business dominated Senate. It was finally passed with such objectionable "riders" as to virtually ensure its reto by President Trufarms in agricultural areas of production.

man. MILLIONS NOT COVERED

Before the bill's passage, a crippling "rider" was attached to provide a simultaneous rise in inclusion of some two million ber of white blood cells from the the price of farm products and thus boost food costs to the American consumers by \$4,500,termined number of merchant 000.000 (billions). President

seamen, who, however, would Truman declared that if the bill not be permitted to collect pay reached the White House with of time and a half for work the "rider" attached, he would done after eight hours daily. veto the whole measure. A 1944 Department of Labor

In addition, a clause in the study of living costs proved that bill to expand the Fair Labor (Continued on Page 2)



ty. In a seven-page letter of re-

house construction with veteran whitewash high army officers that the trials are being "fla- Committee, against extension of guilty of 'disciplining' wound-| grantly mishandled" so as to the draft laws, said that early in cruelties.

tional Secretary, located at 139 was blown wide open this week. East 57th Street, told this re- Captain Earl J. Carroll refused porter that they hope to push to play the role assigned to him Estate Boards, representing the this program through the New and resigned from the prosecution staff set up to handle the are already under consideration case of the Lichfield detention center, now being tried in Lon-

don.

tortured for the slightest infraction of rigid army regulations. Dachau finally reached the pub-

The AVC Council is planning by court-martialing the enlisted

It was this maneuver

THE NEWS

Atom Bomb A Day **Keeps** Doctor Away

"TOKYO, Apr. 4. (Reuters) The atomic bombs dropped on mail order houses, service com- Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where panies, etc. Also some three mil- they killed and injured 102,150 lion "first processing" workers and 77,425 persons respectively,

in sish and food plants, can- also had 'certain beneficial efneries, gins, dairies and on fects' on the sick and aged, it was reported at a meeting of the Japanese Internal Disease Soci-

The only expansion of coveretv today. The study of hundreds age contained in the bill, as it of cases showed that uranium rawas passed, was the automatic diation had increased the numworkers earning less than 65 normal 8,000 to 35,000, contricents an hour, plus an unde- buting greatly to early recovery."

> Studying technique Steven Nathan, 46-year-old

Army cryptographer and regular American people. visitor to the meetings of the The Committee voted 15 to 6 United Nations Security Council, to prohibit the OPA from re-

was interviewed by a N. Y. quiring retailers to absorb the World-Telegram feporter. Nahigher cost of certain manufacthan, a veteran of both world tured products, such as autowars, said he was interested in mobiles, refrigerators and radios, public. These include price learning "how they get the next until these had maintained a preone ready."

Vanishing Act

A Brass Hat conspiracy to signation on April 4, he charged ing before the Senate Military ed by the National Association of Automobile Dealers.

By a vote of 15 to 5 the Comed American soldiers by order- whitewash the high ranking of- 1944 the Army was "crying for mittee also voted a gradual tering them clubbed and beaten ficers really responsible for the more men". "Then about April mination of the government's 5 of that year someone decided two billion dollar annual subsidy

food costs.

The tactic devised by the army to check up a bit and discovered program, forcing the government to reduce subsidy payments hierarchy in this case is to de- they had lost track of 300,000 by 25 per cent over the year bemand a separate trial for each of inducted men, that they had the accused enlisted men, thus 300,000 more men than they ginning July 1 and get out of the subsidy business by June 30, 1947. These subsidies include

What's In A Name? On the veto of the Stalin government, the projected confer-

> held in France will be called "the Conference of Paris" and not "of peace."

Iranian Victory

Anglo-Iranian Oil on the news pect. from the U. N., the price rising

three-sixteenths." (Reports from OPA has granted price hikes on esignation, the defense counsel London stock market, N. Y. 76 items, all affecting basic com- Diary of Steelworker Times, April 5).

zation designed to inflict atomic If the military committee destruction to the maximum.

Simultaneously, it wants the which will be "attached" to the proposed Atomic Energy Comextension of the draft-origin. mission objects to anything civilally passed as a "temporary" (Continued on Page 6)

HOUSE GROUP VOTES BILL TO HELP BOOST PRICES

The House Banking and Currency Committee on April 5 approved a year's extension of the Office of Price Administration to June 30, 1947. But at the same time is tacked on two amendments aimed to cripple price-control

and aid the Big Business in $-\Im$ flationary drive to slash the double-talking agency is assurliving standards of the ing the American people that it is "holding the line" against

price rises.

The CIO's Cost of Living Committee has prepared a list of 22 price increases which are immediately felt by the consuming boosts on milk, meats, canned war level of production for six goods, fresh grapefruit, canned months. These higher prices meats, pepper, bread and bakery will be passed on directly to the products. In clothing the list Roscoe S. Conkling, former consuming public. This amend-selective service official, speak- ment, it was revealed, was draft- shirts, shorts, pajamas, work clothes, house dresses, men's and boys' suits, and all other textile products. Other items include

radios, fans, toasters, builders* hardware, kerosene, fuel and crude oil. lumber, automobiles.

CIO President Philip Murray on April 4 charged Chester Bowles. Director of Economic Stabilization, and Paul Porter, head of the OPA, with increasing prices 'far beyond anything necessary payments designed to hold down to offset higher wages.'

ON THE INSIDE

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modities. At the same time, this Notes of A Seaman

other year's lease on life, has been throwing one price concession-after another to these insatiable hogs. Numerous price boosts have already been author-"There was a good demand for ized and many more are in pros-In the past six weeks alone the

dragging out the case so that it knew they had." would be problematical whether the Lichfield officers would ever be brought to trial. In the words of Captain Carroll, this tactic

would "necessarily impair the government's case against the higher-ranking officers." The first step in the campaign

to unload all blame upon the enlisted men, occurred last February when Sgt. Judson Smith was court-martialed for cruelty

to prisoners and sentenced to three years hard labor.

The day after Capt. Carroll's

The second point, Noble said,

Council asking the city to take

building material monopolists would mean the tearing down of throughout the war and were tax-delinquent land and proper- five million dollars to fight low was a resolution in the City When news of this American

"These and other powerful lob- definite action to make available lic early this year, the Brass to utilize available appropria- bies are responsible for blocking "in some way" more homes for Hats attempted to avoid respon-

sibility for their torture policy

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DOUBLE TALK The OPA, in its effort to apence of the Big Powers to be pease the profiteers and gain an-

SCANDALOUS HOUSING CRISIS EXPOSED Medale Dan't Mean & Thing' NOTES NOTES

Seek Homes In Vain

By Jim Ross

(Special to The Militant) DETROIT, Mich., Apr. 3 - The veteran in Detroit is seething with rage at the Home Owners' Association for its stand in defying the OPA by denying veterans and their families a place to live. That this is a planned conspiracy of the Real Estate Board to up the rent on their

property and to keep out Federal Government inter-vention in the housing sit- Ex-GI Dreamed uation, is a fact known and lords.

proved by the despicable of Home, Can't ords. One of the most heartrending Find One Now stories is that of a young Detroit-

er-a friend of mine-who was drafted into the army and forced the following letter describing to give up his home and move his own experiences with the his wife and baby into a small housing shortage. apartment. On his return home, this veteran, whose family had | Editor: now increased to three dependents. had to vacate his apartment because the landlord could make more money by renting it

to couples. In searching for a new home for his family, he was turned away everywhere because of the children, and because the owners preferred to keep their places vacant rather than yield to the OPA rent ceiling.

Countless numbers of such troit, but to no avail. The lawrejected every attempt made by and projects for the destitute and homeless veterans.

The returned servicemen are ism, are just greedy capitalists who wish to profit all at the riages of returning veterans.

the rental of properties unfit for human beings.

To ask for a Federal investigation is useless, because the facts | about will come around. are already known. What the people need, and most of all the veterans. is action.

A veteran in Detroit sent us

I'm not a fancy writer and I can't tell things like I like to hear them from The Militant. But sometimes things

just happen to you and you feel like telling somebody and then you feel better. I am a returned veteran from

the South Pacific where I spent over a year in the jungles of New Guinea. All us boys dreamt about while we were there was

eases have been reported in De- the nice home we could return to. The loneliness of the jungle making bodies of the city have reminded us of the fancy promises the papers and everybody the Government to build houses gave us. "Nothing is too good for our boys." I guess that's what they said in the first world war. too. Well, they kept their prom-

learning that the landlords who ise because when we came back talked so loudly of their patriot- that's what we got, nothing. I had lived in Detroit for twenty-two years before but workers' expense. The need for when I got back and finally dis-Federal housing projects cannot charged there was no place to be denied, as the population of live. It's funny how the governthe city has increased twenty- ment spent millions of dollars four per cent, and families have for big factories to give to the multiplied due to the many mar- rich but couldn't spend any

money to build houses for the One of the main reasons for poor people who fought this war. this rebuff of the Federal Gov- I waited in line many hours ernment's attempt to build homes at the Housing Commission for is the desire of the landlords to something. The few places that continue renting their old, rotten I saw wouldn't have any kids, property which should long since so that left me out. I have a have been condemned. That the daughter four years old. The Board of Health is not seriously other soldiers who waited looked interested in city health is veri- just how I felt inside. I guess fied by its policy of approving they are sick of the mess too. I guess this cock-eyed world is all shot. I'll sure be glad when

the ideas that The Militant talks There, I feel better now. F.R. Detroit



Union veterans demonstrating in front of Mayor Kelly's front of City Hall.

Wife Of St. Paul Vet **Tells Housing Plight**

Angered by the housing shortage in St. Paul, a veteran's wife wrote the following letter to "The Militant," calling for the expropriation and immediate use of empty homes and hotels. Editor:

Every once in a while there is a story on housing in the paper, and I get burned up all over again. To make me still more angry, today I passed an empty house "for sale" on St. Paul's exclusive Summit Avenue. A large well con-

Veterans Plead For Decent Wage

Four war veterans, members of the CIO Food and Tobacco Workers, flew in a chartered plane this week to Washington to plead for passage of the 65 cent minimum

Marcellus Penn, whose rate of 62 cents an hour nets him about \$20 a week at the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston Salem, N. C., said: "What they promised us when we went into service is short of what we're getting, I have four dependents, a wife. child, mother and nephew. I don't know myself how I get by. I have no reserve. Groceries alone take half my salary each week. We're just lucky nobody's been sick since I

To Landlords, Veterans Find

By R. Egan (Special to The Militant)

"Do you want a picture of me throwing my medals in the furnace? Medals don't mean a thing when it comes to finding a house in this town. All of us veterans have found that out. Sometimes I think of all those homes I helped to knock down on bombing raids. I'd like to have one of them now."

This remark was made by Ar-Omand Conti on November 16. | tions of the newspapers carry 1945, to representatives of the whole columns of desperate Cleveland Press. At that time Armand Conti, his wife and his two year old son were living with city council and other so-called Mrs. Conti's parents. Their bedfor all three—was a ¾ size mattress made up on the living room floor. "My wife's folks can't keep us

forever," Conti continued. "I'm so sore about this I can hardly work."

child.

ily.

prison camp.

Vets' Families In Portland Get Squalid Shacks SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT idea. They would like to buy a PORTLAND, Ore., Apr. 2 -

house but prices are beyond The Portland area has lost their means. They find it imposlittle of its extra wartime sible to rent because of their population. The war workers who left since V-J Day have 'ALMOST SORRY' HE'S OUT been replaced by returning This situation is duplicated with minor variations in the lives of thousands of returned serviceare doubling up or living in men in the Cleveland area. The bitterness felt by these home-A few weeks ago, four young less veterans was given expression by Wencel Frank, who had been trying for weeks to find a

ing in a woodshed. Photographs home for himself and his famof the miserable hut where these children lived-three of them Frank had been an infantry slept in one bed with their mothcorporal with 14 months' serer, the baby in a bureau drawer vice in the European theater, 7 beside the bed-shocked Portof those months in a German landers. They wrote indignant letters to local papers asking why "In the prison camp I used to this family was living in such think about the home we were conditions. Why didn't the welgoing to have when-and if-I fare authorities do something ever got back here. I might as about it?

AUTHORITIES KNEW

can't find a builder who can It turned out that the welfare guarantee us anything, can't authorities knew all about the find a house to rent or even an case. The mother was the wife apartment big enough for us. I of a veteran, a lumber worker tell you it is not pleasant when employed in a town South of a man is almost sorry he got out Portland. The woodshed was of the army because there is no considered a satisfactory resiplace for him to live. It ought dence by the welfare agency to be good for re-enlistments." after all, it is difficult for a family with young children to CAN'T LOOK FOR WORK

Daniel Grace, realizing that house-hunting is a full time job, put off going to work on his release from the army, until he in these trailer camps and shan-



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The Bigger The Lie . . . | the UAW delegates overwhelm-Someone observing Daily ingly voted down all proposals

Worker reporter George Morris to strengthen the hand of the slowly and laboriously punching top bureaucrats. away at his typewriter in the press room during the CIO Unit- Rail Arbitration

ed Auto Workers convention last Gives Bitter Fruit week, wisecracked: "Well, crea-Two railway labor arbitrative writing is always harder tion boards on April 3 handed than straight reporting" down a decision for a 16-cent

Morris gave an example of hourly wage increase for 1,220,-Stalinist "creative" writing in the March 26 Dally Worker where he described the UAW convention debate on the proposal for the establishment of a special government for most of the big Executive Board post for a Negro representative.' Both the Thomas-Addes group, which the Stalinists supported, and the 30-cent increase. Three operat-Reuther group opposed the proposal. Both groups in this respect catered to the prejudices stead of the \$1.28 the governof the more backward among ment proposes to allow them. the white delegates.

In Morris' story, however, we learn that "the debate for the Trotskyite Ben Garrison" in opposition to the proposal.

It is true that Garrison, a lutions Committee. made a vicious and red-baiting speech National Conference Committee against the proposal for a Negro Morris' account. Garrison "led off" the debate for the Thomasveterans. The housing crisis Addes group - he subsequently is still acute. Veterans' families | made the nominating speech for former UAW President R. J. squalid shacks and trailer camps. Thomas. And delegates who were sympathetic to Trotskyist children were burned to death views supported the proposal for in a Portland fire. They were liv. a Negro board member.

Doing the Dirty Work

For The Bureaucrats Aside from supplying the Thomas-Addes clique with most of its slanderous ammunition against the militants in the Reuther caucus, the chief function of the Stalinists at the UAW convention was to take the lead in

arguing for all organizational measures calculated to strengthen the top bureaucracy.

When none of the top officers were willing to "stick their necks out" in open support of such proposals as increasing the length of Plain Dealer and N. Y. Times officers' terms, doubling the dues | which tried to give credit to govand raising officers' salaries, the Stalinists obligingly did the dirty work for them. It was the Stalinists who made the loudest and longest speeches in favor of these

find a place to live! Smallpox, which has broken proposals. out in the Northwest, now One of the big laughs of the

Leaders of most of the rail unions, except for the engineers and trainmen, had agreed to Reuther forces was led off by binding arbitration of the issues. Now they are making an outcry against an award which is typical of the rotten deals the workmember of the convention Reso- ers usually get from arbitration. B. M. Jewell, chairman of the

of the 15 non-operating emboard member. But, contrary to ployes unions, declared "the award is wholly unsatisfactory. ... There is no justification in

000 railway workers. This is in

contrast with the average 181/2

cent awards approved by the

CIO unions which went on strike.

Fifteen non - operating rail

unions had been demanding a

ing brotherhoods had demand-

ed a flat \$2.50 daily raise, in-

the world for expecting railway employes to accept lesser rates of pay than workers in other industries. . . ." He further complained that the railway workers "have absorbed the shock of three defeats-one in 1941 one in 1943 and this one today."

This admission of three defeats is a sufficient commentary on the policies of the rail union leaders who have opposed militant struggle. It wasn't arbitration but strike action that won bigger gains for the CIO unions.

Goodrich Local 5

Sets Record Straight Air Bag, the excellent paper of

Akron Goodrich Local 5, CIO Rubber Workers, in its April issue nails the misleading accounts in such papers as the Cleveland ernment conciliators for the fine settlement won by the rubberunion in its new contract.

"The fact is that no governmental agency had any formal part in these negotiations. On the contrary this was an outthreatens all the families living convention was to hear Stalin- standing case in which the union ist delegates solemnly affirm representatives and company had found a place to live. By ties, where sanitary conditions that the officers should be given representatives fought it out

tape. The results of the nego-

wage bill without any cripwell be back in prison camp bepling amendments. cause we don't have a home,

was discharged from the

structed stone home that 3 looked as if it could accommodate easily and in comfort four or five workers' families. Then I came "home" to the two light-housekeeping rooms

that my husband, baby, and I were lucky-really lucky-to find when he became a "Mister" again, And then I decided that the one place where I knew I could let off some steam is in The Militant.

St. Paul has had a housing shortage for years. For example, each spring several blocks of workers' homes near the airport are half submerged in water for weeks at a time. But the current shortage is even worse. There are no longer even any filthy. rat-infested tenements for workers and veterans and their families to rent. LIVE IN PARK

And what solution is the city

office in Chicago on March 30 carry placards demanding immediate action on housing. High point of the demonstration came when veterans pitched pup tents on the sidewalk in

'wanted to rent' notices. Meanwhile the mayor and the interested bodies have been diligently kicking the problem around in the hopes that it will get lost. There has been the usual plethora of words and the usual paucity of action.

The Contis had been looking

for a place to live ever since his discharge from the army two months previously. At first they had hoped to build, but after talking to builders and being told that they would have to wait months, they abandoned the

Minimum Wage Bill Receives Death Sentence In Senate

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a family of three persons, even | than even the legal minimum of at that time needed an income 40 cents.

of \$1,950 after income taxes, in order to break even. Today, with living costs at

least 50 per cent higher than when the present 40-cent minimum became legal, and with prices soaring further week by week, millions at the 40-cent wage level are forced to subsist on an annual income of \$800, at \$16 a week for 50 weeks. A \$16 wage today admittedly provides one-third less purchasing power than a WPA wage in 1939. In this the richest land in the world, even at the height of the war production boom in 1945, almost half of the American wage earners secured less than 65 cents an hour.

According to figures submitted to Congress last year by the wartime substandard wages, there were more than 17.000.000 workers who received less than 65 cents per hour: 5,000,000 who received only 50 cents an hour

The inadequacy of even a 65cent minimum wage today, was emphasized by the majority of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, when it sent the bill to the Senate for adoption three weeks ago. According to the April 1 Advance, the

Committee stated: MINIMUM STANDARDS

"The Committee recognizes that 65 cents an hour-\$26 a week or \$1,350 for a full year's work-does not provide a minimum American standard of living for the average family of four . . . Even the inadequate maintenance budget developed cost \$1,700 at current prices."

for families on work relief would NOTHING DONE The Committee further pointed out that today, "with a na-

mansions are tax-forfeited property now owned by the city. With a little remodeling the two houses would provide homes for 12 families, with larger quarters and more convenient ones than most

were reasonable.

been done to convert these Pepper Senate Committee on tional income of \$160-billions, homes. And this primarily bea 65-cent minimum yields the cause of the exclusive zoning nent answer to this question. sub-standard worker a smaller laws which the bosses use to proportion of the nation's in- protect the privacy of their every worker and his family. creased wealth than a 40-cent home neighborhoods. Could it be minimum yielded him with a that they are afraid we will disand 2,000,000 who received less \$64-billion income in 1938." cover the actual discrepancy be



State

offering? They have erected a Army last September 26. few so-called "Quonset" type huts in a park. settled veterans tween their standard of living and their families there, and and ours if we lived too near then charged them \$30 and \$33 them? a month rent for a temporary

Nor are these two homes the dwelling with stove heat and no plumbing or sanitary facilities. only ones vacant. These working-class mothers

Personally I believe the homemust use laundry and sanitary less workers-veterans and nonfacilities in a central permanent veterans-should demand the exbuilding. And even then the workers would be thankful for propriation and immediate use these small, overcrowded, temof all empty homes or hotels, porary homes if at least the rent together with the quartering of homeless families in all homes Over three months ago the St.

left empty or partially used by Paul Dispatch carried a story of "absentee owners." If immeditwo mansions on Mississippi Riv-

er Boulevard, another of St. ate steps are not taken to carry Paul's exclusive areas. These out such expropriation and quartering to solve the immediate severe shortage, then homeless workers should simply occupy these places.

Not only would such action ease the immediate shortage -it hurts on the big shots, to pass

And yet in the three months and start work immediately on that have passed, nothing has a large-scale, low-cost public housing program . . . which of course is the only real perma-Yours for a decent home for

Mayor Kelly's office to demand

unions, chapters of the American

War II, and the Union Legion-

naires of the American Legion

stration.

Jean Paddock

CHICAGO VETERANS DEMONSTRATE

TO DEMAND IMMEDIATE HOUSING

Nick Bradford

(Special to The Militant)

are very poor. such questions as "How-large is your bank account? How is your credit standing?"

He finds that landlords will not rent unless he is working, but if he is working he will not have time to look for a place to

Frances Murlaugh, who had been trying for months to find a house, and who had given up building after talking to contractors, remarked that he hadn't thought it could be this bad. "It kind of makes a guy

Stories such as these could be repeated by the thousands. How crucial the situation is will be illuminated by a few statistics

taken from the local War Housing Authority. During the week of October 1, only 28 of the 347 applications were satisfied, and

all 28 were for single rooms only. of the workers have had before. but it would put pressure where or houses. At that time there purposes. The War and Navy were 927 on the waiting list. At present writing there are piling atomic bombs and develmore than 8,000 applications on oping other atomic armaments. file for living quarters. This fig- In a word, military monopoly of ure by no means gives a com- atomic energy is assured by this plete picture since a great number of veterans do not bother to bill.

register at the WHA. They recognize that registration is a fu-St. Paul, Minn. | tile gesture. The classified sec-

vide additional housing for vet-

enterprise.

Nothing has been done to protional politics." They even erans. On the contrary, housing brought in a minority report of projects at Guild's Lake and the Constitution Committee to Vanport have been partly torn increase the top officers' annual down, because real estate inter- | salaries by \$1,500, instead of the ests are afraid of the "competi- \$1,000 proposed by the committion" they might offer private tee majority.

terms in order to "eliminate fac- or government meddling," states the Air Bag. "We do not believe it is necessary to go through complicated governmental machinery and red

tiations show that it is better to battle it out union to com-Despite the Stalinist pleadings, pany directly."

two-year instead of one-year without any outside interference

Monopoly Of Atomic Energy bad. "It kind of makes a guy wonder what he was fighting Remains In Military Hands for."

(Continued from Page 1)

Presidential veto through the War and Navy Secretaries. know-how in several stages.

The military will thus retain The first stage, writes Stone, power to block attempts to dewould release certain informa-There simply are no apartments velop atomic energy for civilian tion necessary for discussion of it clear that Washington hopes alternative control proposals by Departments will continue stockthe UNO Atomic Energy Commission and the UNO itself." The second stage would come when the Atomic Energy Authority had finally been set up by latest version of the MacMahon the UNO. "The third stage,'

> But the war chiefs in Washwhen the Authority was ready to begin industrial production of ington are not satisfied with a monopoly confined to the United fissionable material." States. They have visions of ex-

tending it.

years. Time is required for the A Board of Consultants and a UNO discussion, for a geographic State Department committee survey of the world, for taking headed by Under-Secretary of over uranium deposits, for be-State Dean Acheson have drawn ginning the mining operations up a plant for "international" and the construction of plants. The fourth stage, in which U. control of atomic research and development. This plan pro-S. information regarding the poses extension of Washington's production of the atomic bomb

U. S. DOMINATION

With the avowed intention of averting an atomic armaments was ill and was not in his of. Such a body, like the UNO, would the process in return for a promfice. The committee returned to be under the domination of ise that at its end we would the demonstration and George Anglo-American imperialists. As make the bomb know-how stration was reached when the naires reported back to the dem- 6 Nation, it "is to take over the changed our minds?" sidewalk in front of City Hall. was only the beginning of the have a monopoly of facilities for able future, the committee of Each pup tent had a sign stat- fight for veterans' housing, and producing fissionable materials." five says, "the United States

race, the plan calls for the establishment by the UNO of an ably to end their own atomic-Atomic Development Authority. bomb work at the beginning of I. F. Stone stated in the April available. But what if we world's uranium deposits and to

In return for the ownership will continue the manufacture and operation of all mines, man- of (atomic) bombs."' Emphasizcarried slogans demanding hous- tion when the Mayor gets back ufacturing plants and research ing this aspect the committee facilities used in relation to nuc- | continues; "The plan does not

tant future.

require that the United States ians do or fail to do, it is em- lear energy, the Authority shall discontinue such manufacpowered to make requests for would gradually divulge theor- ture either upon the proposal of etical knowledge and production the plan or upon the inauguration of the international agency."

The committee's report makes to use such a UNO Atomic Development Authority not only to secure a world monopoly of nuclear energy but also as a battering ram to undermine the economic structure of the USSR: To participate in the plan the Kremlin must give the Author-Stone goes on, "would be reached ity's inspectors free access to any part of the Soviet Union. Next the USSR must turn over control

of all her uranium deposits to These stages would take many the UNO Authority. Russia must agree that the Authority is to own and direct all mines, plants and other facilities used in the development or production of atomic energy. Products of the plants and laboratories would be disposed of as directed by the Authority, or in other words, by Washington and London.

would be revealed, is to come If the Soviet Union does not about only sometime in the disaccept this plan, the Anglo-American imperialists can then "In other words," Stone deaccuse the USSR of refusing to clares, "other nations would be cooperate with UNO, thus "justiasked to hand over control of fying" their continued monopoly uranium deposits and presumof atomic secrets.



The Chicago Labor Coun- now, and endorsement of the cil of Union Veterans held Patman, Ellender Housing Bill monopoly to the rest of the world.

a demonstration Saturday, and of Wyatt's proposals on vet-March 30, 1946, in front of erans' housing. The veterans chose a commitimmediate housing. Six leading tee to present their demands to Mayor Kelly personally. When Veterans' Committee of World the committee reached the May-

or's office they were told that he

were participants in this demon-The highlight of the demon- Danfield from the Union Legionveterans pitched pup tents on the onstrators. He stated that this

ing which groups were repre- that the Chicago Labor Council sented. Most of the placards will have another demonstraing now, not seven years from to his office.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1946

And World War III

weapons in the hands of the imperialist warmongers who in their wist for world-domination, threaten the destruction of modern civilization. The first article told how the destructive powers of warfare have multiplied. The second described the new air weapons, and the third discussed the use of disease germs as a war weapon.

By Eugene Varlin

Before August 6, 1945, it seemed that people could no longer be shocked by the mounting slaughters of the imperialist butchers. The cities of Europe were in ruins. Sixty million men had been ?

slaughtered on the European battlefields alone. In the months before August. thousands of Superfortresses had bombed the cities of Japan with Incendiaries. Every Japanese city with a population of more than 100,000 had been burned put. Millions of charred skeletons lay in the shamples. Mankind was becoming accustomed to horrors without end. Men shrugtheir shoulders at the red mounting statistics of destruction.

Then, on August 6, a lone American Superfortress, manned by a crew of ten, dropped a bomb on the Japanese City of Hiroshima. The whole world was aghast at the consequences. What had happened?

thousand times more powerful energy.

HORROR AT TRIUMPH

Since 1901, scientists had known that by destroying a very tiny quantity of matter, tremendous quantities of energy could be released. Solar energy which for billions of years had been traveling 75,000,000 miles to heat the earth, is produced in this way. For over forty years scientists grappled with the problem of producing atomic energy artificially. Success, they felt, would mean an era of undreamed-of advancement for humanity. Atomic energy would soon replace all existing sources of power-coal, oil, electricity.

Now; at last, they had succeeded. And the world recoiled in horror at their "triumph." In the makers, the first fruits of their Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In the mic energy could destroy civilization.

On September 27, Walter H. Judd stated before the House Hiroshima. of Representatives. "We face the prospect in the next half century of a return to the cliff

bombs within two to five years." Furthermore, according to Probe produced cheaply by the tens of thousands.

DEADLY BY-PRODUCTS

Moreover, the radio-active byproducts of the plants which are ent, been able to organize its manufacturing the atom bombs legal press organ. are deadlier than any poison gas heretofore known to man. Dr. M. L. Oliphant, British atom been arrested and imprisoned. bomb scientist, wrote "They could be . . . sprayed or otherwise dis-death sentences." Of Lichfield tributed over an enemy territory in sufficient concentration ernment led by the ex-Fascist

to prohibit the survival of any Georgieff supported by the Stalliving thing in thousands of inists, has conducted particularsquare miles of country." ly vicious persecutions against There is no defense against the the Bulgarian Trotskyists. At the

atom bomb. It is so small that same time, fascist organizations enough bombs could be planted are permitted to function openly Simply this: one bomb car- inside a country during peaceried by one plane had wiped a time to destroy it completely city of 343,000 people off the immediately after the outbreak map. A force had been intro- of a war. Atom rockets could duced into warfare, which in its be launched from distances of first test, proved to be twenty over 5,000 miles from their targets. These rockets travel at than TNT. This force was atomic | speeds of more than 5,000 miles an hour. There is no stopping

them.

Small wonder then that the atom scientists live in deadly fear of this Frankenstein of their own creation. They know what it can do. Dr. A. H. Compton warns that no city of greater than 100,000 population will survive the first hour of World War III. Professor Oppenheimer believes that forty million Americans would be killed during the tirst night of an atomic war. Report First The world-renowned physicist, Albert Einstein, declares that, if war comes again, two-thirds Strike In USSR of the world's population will be slain.

CITIES WILL PERISH An official inspection of the than two decades the Kremruins at Hiroshima was made for hands of the imperialist war- the United States government by Philip Morrison, a nucleur success were the annihilation of physicist. In the recently published book, "One World or hands of these war-makers, ato- None," he pictures what would happen to New York City if it should be hit by an atom bomb like the one that devastated

300,000 people would die im-

Imperialist Terror In Greece-

Background Of The Elections

tions and an end to reaction ry

workers, office employes and

ror and the high cost of living.

Athens, Pireus, Salonica, Kavala

The militancy of the strikers in ple."

(The Greek elections of March 31 ended with the pro-O-

graphically reveals the conditions under which the Anglo-Amer-

Atomic Destruction Control Of Oil Land In Middle East And World War III This is the fourth of a series of articles on the death-dealing Involved In UNO Dispute Over Iran

Threaten Death Sentence For LeadingBulgarianTrotskyists

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

Several of the leading mem-

and legally.

MILITANT RECORD

as Hitlerites, etc.

In 20 Years

A letter from Bulgaria, dated February, brings news of the survival of the Trotskyist movement in that country. Organized into the Internationalist Communist Party, the fessor Oppenheimer, bombs can letter says, the Bulgarian revolutionists stand fully on the program of the Fourth In-

ternational. That party is | peal to comrades and friends everywhere to protest to the Bulforced to function illegally garian government against the and has not, up to the prespersecutions and to demand the legalization of the ICP.

bers of the Bulgarian ICP have The "Fatherland Front" gov-**Army Brass Hats**

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(Continued from Page 1) for one of the accused enlisted

men, charged that Maj. Gen. John T. Lewis. commander of the European western base section, was trying to railroad nine

guards and "let the accused of-The Bulgarian ICP has a recficers off." Counsel Frank A. ord of militant struggle against Johnson explained that accused fascism and against the Nazi enlisted men had been visited by members of General Lewis' staff and offered reduced sentences if they would plead guilty and refuse to call witnesses who might implicate the officers in charge of the camp.

time when the Stalin-Hitler pact Johnson also charged that the was still in effect. Today, the court-martial, itself composed of nothing but Brass Hats, had deprived the enlisted men of their rights and that the "higher headquarters" was "biased and

CONSCIOUS POLICY

court-martial should the military hierarchy's whitewash attempts fail. That the Prussian-

like brutality practiced at Lich-For the first time in more field was no accident, but the result of conscious army policy, lin censors have permitted was proven last February durnews of a strike in the USSR ing the first court-martial of to be cabled abroad. Even more one of the enlisted guards.

significant is the fact that this It was revealed at that time strike action was authorized by that Col. Kilian had instructed the highest trade union body. one of his subordinates on the Text of this important Associatproper method of handling pried Press dispatch follows from soners. He bragged about "the

MOSCOW, April 6.-The cen- valry," and explained the way mediately. 300,000 would be in- tral committee of an electrical he'd handle a "wilful" prisoner: jured. 20,000, who seemed to trade union has ordered tem- "I'd take him down to the rifle dweller or cave-man stage of have escaped unscathed, would porary cessation of work in the range where it couldn't be seen civilization. The scientists who die of after-radiations. This pic- polishing and galvanizing de- and work him over: Just don't



SUGAR BARONS PLUNDER PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE

Conditions in 'El Fanguito,' one of several equally poverty stricken sections of San Juan, Puerto Rico, give an indication of the dreadfully low living standard suffered by the Puerto Ricans. In Dynamite On Our Doorstep, Wenzell

> **Freedom From Want** —Greece, 1946

hovels in the city's outskirts from lack of food, the center (of Athens) boasts some of windows crammed with delicious pastries, cakes and fancy palates of those who can afford the luxuries, and tantalizing emaciated Greeks who can never hope to buy such things," wrote Thomas E. Healy in the April 5, N. Y. Post. "The Greek government,"

declared Healy, "shows no interest in regulating food so that nutrition shall not be the right of only those who can buy it on the black market."

In presenting his government's case against the Soviet Union last week before the United Nations Security Council, Iranian Ambassador Hussein Ala fleetingly referred to oil. He was promptly cut off by the U.S. Secretary of State Byrnes who said: "Io-

respectfully suggest that the ousting the imperialists from there. During World War II, Amer-

PAGE THREE

Iranian representative might be instructed to confine his ican imperialism took advantage remarks " to the issues of Britain's difficulties to muscle under consideration.

shown poor taste - and poorer and Standard Oil invested \$100,judgment — in mentioning so 000,000 in a new venture, the crude a subject as oil after the American Arabian Oil Co. Roose-British representative Cadogan velt came to their assistance had been declaiming about the with a government-financed pipe espect for treaties" and Byrnes had been proclaiming the need to defend "the rights of small in the Nation of February 26, nations."

'FLOATING ON OIL'

It does not take deep drilling beneath the surface of the present dispute to strike oil. For Iran is one of the richest sources of oil in the world. One commentator has described it as "floating on a sea of oil." It contains at least 8 billion barrels of oil reserves. In 1944 alone, 102,000,000 barrels of oil flowed from Iran's gushers.

For over 40 years Iran has been a victim of capitalist greed and a bone of contention among rival imperialists. In 1901 the British financier William Knox D'Arcy bought 60-year monopoly rights to four-fifths of Iran's oil. England came into conflict with Czarist Russia over this monopoly. A compromise was reached in the Anglo-Russian Treaty of 1907 which divided Iran into British and Russian spheres of influences. Iran was, of course, not consulted. The only issue that concerned these rival robbers was how to divide

the booty. Through this treaty the British-controlled Anglo-Persian oil Co. took over the oil fields of southern Iran. Today British oil concessions in the Near East constitute the key source of supply for her Navy and air-force -and thereby maintain her Empire.

EXPOSED IN 1918

abled a Russian industrialist, tered a new phase. On April 7 Kochtaria, to obtain concessions Iranian Premier Ghavam anin northern Iran in 1916. How- nounced a fifty-year oil agreeever, the Bolsheviks broke with ment with the Soviet Union in these imperialist traditions of Czarism. One of the first acts of the Soviet government under Lenin and Trotsky in 1918 was to denounce the Anglo-Russian as exclusively their private pre-Treaty and declare the Kochtaria concessions void.

Thereupon Kochtaria sold the gan. They are really concerned Anglo-Persian Oil Co. and Stan- not about the "sanctity of interdard Oil of New Jersey equal national obligations," the "rights

sand people were crowded here, perhaps eight thousand. "The only pathway was of loose planks, crudely nailed together, and raised three or four feet above the ground. The houses were on stilts, but sometimes the flood waters seeped

way we used to do it in the ca- ed tin cans, soggy paper, orange skins into the yards.

> "The ground on which I trod," said Brown, "was black with huan foces caked made solid

> > The average income of work-

ers on this little island in the

Carribean was \$135 a year in

1940. That is about 40 cents a

day, and living costs are about

the same as in the United States.

There is little milk on the is-

land, about a teaspoonful a day

per person if it were distributed

fit to drink. Even the water sup-

ply is contaminated and unsafe.

All the diseases of poverty and

near starvation ravage the popu-

lation. The infant mortality rate

What is the cause of this ter-

One fourth of the arable land

is held by sugar companies for

cane farming. The rest of the

land is poor quality; some of it

has been "mined out" by cane

growing. This land cannot pro-

duce nearly enough to feed

Four American owned sugar

companies control the sugar

plantations and mills. Three of

and distributed dividends, to

worked for them, according to

an article in the November 3,

Puerto Rico's 2,000,000 people.

rible poverty in Puerto Rico?

is the highest in the world.

RAVAGED BY POVERTY

to all, and still less milk that is

Brown describes this section 2-Col. James A. Kilian, former of San Juan. Since Brown commanding officer of the Lich- is anxious to cover up the field army prison, heads the list crimes of Wall Street, there of the six officers who face can be no question of exaggeration. "No one knew how many people lived here in the Little Mud.' he wrote. "Perhaps five thou-

into them. The bay brought rust-

SEWAGE FLOWS IN

"While Greeks are dying in

Europe's richest cafes, their kinds of bread, titillating the

in on her Middle East oil mon-Apparently Hussein Ala had opoly. The Texas Oil Company 'confidence in the sanctity of line running across Saudi Arabia. I. F. Stone had the following to say about Roosevelt's policy 1944: "To go "into a colonial country and buy oil concessions by favors to desert sheiks, to

embark on a long-range program for the exploitation of natural resources which belong to another people, is imperialism, however we choose to disguise

The U.S. High Command was eager to obtain an assured oil supply in the Middle East for its naval and air bases encircling the globe. Working closely together with oil industry representatives, Roosevelt's Secretary of the Interior Ickes negotiated an Anglo-American Oil Treaty which was very pleasing to the oil monopolists. On the basis of this agreement, Standard Oil and Sinclair Oil began dickering for concessions in southeast Iran.

KREMLIN WORRIED

Alarmed by the penetration of Anglo-American imperialism and seeking supplementary sources of oil, the Kremlin made its own bid for a share of Iran's oil. In 1944, reversing the policy of Lenin and Trotsky which scrupulously respected the rights of small and weak peoples, Stalin exerted pressure upon the Iran government for concessions in the northwest. Under counterpressure from the British and American governments, the Iranian regime delayed the granting of any new oil concessions.

Now these behind - the - scene The Anglo-Russian Treaty en- conflicts over Iran's oil have ennorth Iran.

This news will please neither the big oil corporations which have long looked upon Iran's oil serve, nor their diplomatic representatives, Byrnes and Cado-



oppressor. While the Bulgarian Trotskyists were carrying on the fight against the Hitlerite invader, the Stalinists received the Wehrmacht with flowers in welcoming demonstrations at the

created the atomic bomb have ture is "unreal in only one way." question of what to do with their bombs will come, not by ones reported today. brain child."

affairs will last very long. On shima. October 1, 1945, a group of atom will be able to produce atomic earth will perish."

partments in a Moscow factory. spent sleepless nights on the he said. In a future war, the the trades union newspaper Trud

Moscow:

or twos, but in hundreds and The newspaper said the venti-Today, the atomic bomb is an thousands. And the bombs will lating system for the last two American monopoly. No scien- be infinitely more powerful than and one-half years had caused tist believes that this state of the one that destroyed Hiro- numerous employee complaints which the director did nothing to

He concluded, "If the bomb satisfy. scientists declared, "There are gets out of hand, if we do | The union's central commitno longer any fundamental se- not learn to live together so that | tee ordered a new ventilation crets about the atomic bomb . . . | our science will be our help and | system and other remedies. Even those nations with lesser not our hurt, there is only one Although the director promised resources than the United States | sure future: the cities of men on | to carry out the order, the news paper said he never did.

break too many bones. part of the earth itself. During What a "working over" meant

storms the marshy water floodto the men imprisoned in Liched the land, cleaning it a little. field was revealed in a series of exposes written by Charles taking away some of the filth, pushing still more of it into the Carsten for the Militant last Febdank blackened earth. Sewage ruary. Up to the time of the Militant articles, the capitalist flowed in streams between the houses. press had barely mentioned the

"The stench of sewage was gruesome story. horrible," Brown continues. "I The Carsten articles revealed few of the many cases of sadfelt my gore rising and had to istic cruelty practiced in the prifight being sick. I was in the son. Prisoners had their heads heart of El Fanguito, which rammed against a cement wall, means "The Little Mud'."

and at least one of them --This is not a description of Private Eril Bolton — died from India or China, but of a section this treatment. Others were of Puerto Rico, where U. S. imgiven the spread-eagle treatperialists rule. People are forced and clubbed on the to live in these filthy slums bestomach until they vomited cause of their unbelievably low wages and long periods of un-

The recital of Lichfield disciemployment. plinary methods reads like an expose of the concentration camps of Nazi Germany.

Just as the Nazi defendants at Nuremberg are now trying to tell the world that they had no knowledge of the tortures com-

mitted in German camps, so American military leaders are engaged in a campaign to convince the people that they were ignorant of what went on at Lichfield. That the Brass Hats not only directed Lichfield policy, but witnessed its execution, was proven by Col. Kilian himself who said that in one month eight generals had visited his guardhouse and found it "well-



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months. One third of the workers cannot find jobs during the months of highest employment **U. S. "LIBERATION"**

The United States has owned the island for nearly half a century. When American armies came in 1898 during the Spanish-American War, they were hailed as liberators. The Puerto **Ricans thought the United States** was aiding them in their fourcentury struggle for freedom.

But in the wake of the American armies came Washingtonappointed officials to impose the yoke of another imperialist power on the people. Soon American capitalists had bought all the best land for cane plantations. The sugar barons turned the island into a sugar factory. They drained the country of its wealth and mined out the land.

The power and wealth of the sugar companies has steadily increased as the people have been driven to ever more desperate poverty.

With full justice the Puerto Ricans hate the Wall Street bandits who are sapping the country's life-blood. Time and again they have demanded independence in huge demonstrations which were often suppressed with bloodshed.

Not until recently did Washnoton pay the least attention to their protests. Now legislation is before Congress which would allow the Puerto Ricans to decide their status by a referendum. Under provisions of this bill they could vote for 1) outright independence; 2) annexation to the United States as a state; or 3) some form of dominion status.

The bill, however, contains another important proviso. Whatever the outcome of the referendum, the United States these companies netted profits will retain all naval, military and air rights on the islands. Wall owners in New York and Boston, Street thus seeks to assure itof about \$80,000,000 between 1920 self continued domination over and 1935. The Puerto Ricans who the political life of Puerto Rico.

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oil rights to the imperialists in

shares in these same forfeited oil of small nations" etc., but about concessions in northern Iran. The strategical advantages and the Soviet government then stated seizure of material things like that it opposed the granting of that black, sticky stuff called off. The immediate outcome of the the former Russian sphere. As "Iranian dispute," far from ima result, a movement arose proving relations among the among the tribes of northern "Big Three," will tend only to Iran which was successful in aggravate them stall further.

Trotskyists Jailed In Egypt As Reaction Attacks Masses

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

PARIS, March 21-According to a feature article by E. Sablier in today's Monde, the Egyptian government has announced that those involved in mass arrests at the beginning of the year for "communist propaganda" were Trotskyists. Furthermore, the announcement declares the government had discovered®

a secret printshop of the lat- | appease and reassure these dirter in which the two illegal revolutionary communist newspapers Truth and **Revolutionary** Opinion were published.

The author of the article remade by Egypt during the war. a full fledged native workers' movement is in process of rapid development.

Early in January the first great strike in the history of the country took place. It was a two weeks' strike of 15,000 textile workers which completely shut down 25 mills in the Cairo area. Mass arrests among the strike leaders forced the workers to return to their jobs, but a new outbreak of the strike movement is expected.

APPEASE STALINISTS Among those arrested in recent raids are Yousef el Mandarek and his fellow delegates to the World Trade Union Conference held last year at Paris, as well as the well-known socialist leader Salama Moussa. All are held incommunicado and without formal charges being

lodged against them. The Egyptian government's announcement, according to the Monde writer, came as a result of its fear of pressure from Moscow. The Stalinist M. P. Piratin had protested in the House of Commons against the arrests.

The announcement was made to

cles. Sablier further commender "In a new country like Exypt. progressive ideas are still prerogative of small groups ef intellectuals. Those among them who devote themselves without prejudice to the study of veals that, in line with the great | Marxism find the opportunism strides towards industrialization of the official communists (Stalinists) today hardly intelligible. Thus they are drawn for the most part towards the undiluted Laninism which is incarnated by the Trotskyists.

> "Moreover, while the solicitude evidenced by Soviet Russia for the Arab peoples is visibly inspired by its own startegic or diplomatic interests, Trotskyist propaganda is based on the interests of defending the proletariat.

"Furthermore, Trotsky and his revolutionary doctrine are feared as much if not more, by the official communists as by the reactionary circles. Thus, by applying the label Trotskyist to the people arrested, the Egyptian government is seeking, no doubt. to avoid Soviet remonstrances of the type which Ankara recently experienced during the anticommunist demonstrations."

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ican engineered elections were held. SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT ATHENS, Greece-Greece (cal in character, are at present by the fact that the Stalinists continues to be agitated by sweeping the country. The work- direct increasingly bitter tirades open civil war and revolu- ers are everywhere demanding against the movement. An imtionary ferment.

The defeat of the revolutionary movement of December 1944 provoked the counter-revolutionary terror. Reactionary and fascist bands thereafter committed daily acts of violence and crime against workers' organizations. The gendarmerie, the army and the British occupation forces participated in this organized terror.

But in spite of the military and financial support of British imperialism, the capitalists have not been able to improve the chaotic situation in the country, nor establish any political stability.

With the approach of the elections (set for March 31 by London, in agreement with the reactionary Monarchist wing of the Populist party), disorders are growing and reflect the exceptionally strong pressure exerted by the militancy of the masses. Even Premier Sophoulis regards the elections as lacking the Stalinist leadership has ed under the German occupathe most elementary guarantees brought about, the Greek proleof freedom and as designed to bring about a crushing victory for monarchist reaction.

"For the first time since it. The resolution slanderously liberation'," writes the Trotskyist weekly Workers' Struggle, Fascist past" of the Trotskyists, "the working class of our country is undergoing a veritable mobilization to reorganize its forces. A series of trade union conventions has been held, topped by the 8th national congress of the trade union confederation, which was a com-

formist leaders.

plete success." In spite of the defeats which tariat continues its liberating struggle with a high morale. The Greek Trotskyists partici-A new wave of strikes, politi- pated in the strike committees Stalinist party!

monarchist Populist party receiving a majority of the votes cast. | of numerous unions and fac-However, little less than 50 per cent of the registered voters went | tories in the industrial centers to the polls. The following article, written before the elections, of the country. Party life within the labor movement is now more intense than ever.

reinforce their struggle against

refers to the "terrorist and

who lost their best leaders in the

In this same resolution the

Stalinist leadership absolves the

members of the notorious Fasc-

ist organization which is at

present terrorizing the country,

as well as those elements which

previously belonged to the in-

famous Security Sections form-

tion by the Gestapo and the

quisling Rallis. The Stalinists

now call upon these elements to

reconcile themselves with the

fight against Nazi occupation.

The effectiveness of Trotskyist work in Greece is evidenced the postponement of the elec- portant section of the resolution of the plenum of February 15 terror. This current strike wave of the Stalinist Party is devoted is the second to occur in the to the need of combatting the course of the past two months. growth of Trotskyism in Greece. Hundreds of thousands of Here is what it says:

ment.

blood.

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1945 Colhier's, were paid an average of \$3.48 a week. Puerto Ricans are almost entirely dependent on the sugar industry for their livelihood. The



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olution can save the USSR for socialism. But the world revolution carries with it the inescapable blotting out of the Krem-Itn oligarchy.





War-Making Powers While the earth still reeks from the destruction and death of World War II, President Truman in his speech on Army Day has brazenly heralded another war-World War Three

which threatens to obliterate civilization. Only vesterday the American people heard the official propagandists assuring them that a victory in the Second World War would bring "peace, democracy, security and freedom."

Today, the President of the United States demands an unprecedented "peacetime" program of militarization to ensure Wall Street's control and exploitation of the whole world.

In place of the promised "peace, democracy, security and freedom," the capitalist_rulers of America are bent upon Prussianizing American life. They seek to impose the cost and burden of a permanent war machine on the American people and threaten to thrust the nation into another war at a moment's notice. Twice within 25 years the American people, like the masses under capitalism everywhere, were deceived and dragooned into war. They never wanted war. They would never, of their own free will, have gone to war. But they were denied the right to decide this life and death question.

That decision was made by a handful of highly-placed conspirators in Wall Street and Washington. That decision was made by the financial magnates, the big monopolists, the privileged military caste who alone profited from the war.

They not only prevented the people from having any real voice in the question of war, but they opposed by every means at their command any proposal to give the pe trol over the war-making powers.

utmost contempt for labor's demands, the Wall Street legislators could knife a bill which might raise millions one small grade above starvation living levels.

How can they dare to do this? Primarily because these Senators realize that labor is tied to the political machines of Wall Street by its present leaders and is in no position to counterpose its own independent political power against capitalist reaction.

The time is rotten ripe to put an end to the Big Business rule which wants to maintain \$16 a week wages. But that will never be accomplished until labor builds its own political instrument, a labor party that will fight for political power for the working class. Only through an independent program and party of its own will labor be in a position to smash the political rule of the profiteer-parasite class and ensure decent living standards.

Food Relief Policy

of the Famine Relief Committee. Neither of these spokesmen for Wall Street is primarily concerned about relieving the immeasurable misery and agony of the masses or in removing the root causes of famine. Behind the propaganda of sweet charity, each is interested in forwarding the deadly game of imperialist power politics being played by Wall Street.

Food is an important element in American, monopoly capitalism's plans for world domination. Power-drunk U. S. imperialism is using food today, just as it did after World War I, as a weapon against revolutionary movements of the masses and to bolster the most corrupt regimes.

But the agents of Wall Street are at the same time determined not to ship an ounce more of supplies than is required to accomplish these reactionary ends. Not how much can be sent, but how little is needed to prevent mass revolts abroad-that is what Hoover and Lehman are really arguing about in such cynical fashion. Meanwhile the representatives of American imperialism haggle like pawnbrokers with bankrupt regimes over what supplies the latter will receive in return for submission to the dictates of Wall Street.

The American workers and farmers will gladly provide as much food as they can for the famine-stricken peoples in other countries. But they do not want the food they produce to be misused as an instrument of imperialist subjugation and oppression, as UNRRA and other capitalist-dominated agencies are doing.

To ensure that relief supplies go to the needy many, and are not abused by the greedy few, administration and control of food and other supplies should remain in the hands of labor and farmer organizations, from their collection in this country to their distribution in foreign lands.

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you—or they'll ask for a raise!"



(Italian) with English subtitles by Pietro Di Donato, and Gestapo dragnet again goes out. Herman G. Weinberg. Directed Francesco, with dozens of other by Roberto Rosselini; released partisan workers. is arrested, and through Foreign Film produc- Pina is shot down by storm tions. Inc. Now showing at troopers. World theater, New York City. THE BETRAYAL Open City is a simple and pow-Francesco escapes, and with erful story of the Italian parti-Manfredi spends the night at sans, courageously fighting unthe apartment of Manfredi's der the iron heel of the Nazi actress sweetheart. Goaded by oppressor. Its actors are men, fear of poverty and a craving for women and children who lived drugs supplied by a woman Gesthrough the heroic years of tapo agent, Marina betrays the struggle. Its scenes were shot two men. in Rome, and on the walls are Manfredi and the priest are still scrawled in chalk the symarrested; Francesco by chance bols of the peoples' aspirationseludes the storm troopers. Viva Lenin! and the hammer At Gestapo headquarters, the and sickle.

excruciating torture of Manfredi This is no Hollywood picture begins, while the Gestapo of lauding the role of the Allies. ficials lounge in sound-proofed There is no reference to the selfrooms. The Gestapo chief and styled "liberators," except in a his woman assistant are skilsingle sharp incident. "Do you fully portrayed as sadists and believe there really are Ameriperverts, the scum of society. cans?" the printer Francesco EVADE PROBLEM asks Pina. Pina looks bitterly at a bomb-

But it is here, in the scenes shattered tenement home, a skeleton against the dreary sky. cism, that the picture is weak- at fantastic prices Francesco "Of course. There is proof." In Open City the entire strug- to go beneath the surface of the gle is one between the Italian problem. They attempt to show be had by the rich. people and the Nazis. The cen- that fascism is a matter of chartral character is Giorgio Man- acter. a psychological problem fredi. a heroic Stalinist who tied to an "inherent" and "Gerfought against Franco in Spain, man" lust for domination. That boy, appear again and again and now, as an official of the it is the degeneration of capi- throughout the picture. They be-Committee of National Libera- talism itself which produces the tion. carries funds for the unsoum and pushes the vilest inderground movement dividuals into power, is carefully Tracked by the Gestapo, Manconcealed. fredi takes refore in the home Manfredi refuses to give inof Francesco and Pina, the widow he is about to marry. Pina movement, though he is tortursends her little boy to find Don perate, the Gestapo chief tries Pietro, a partisan priest who suca new attack: ceeds in delivering the money to its appointed place. Don Pietro "You are a communist," he then prepares false papers for taunts Manfredi. "But your party Manfredi, and arranges to send has made an alliance with re-

It's not every day that Con-

gress gets something as exciting

to experiment with as the atom

bomb. "I have not been able

to get it out of my mind," re-

marked Representative Voorhis

of California on March 11, "that

when mankind comes to the

place where the fundamental en-

ergy that is in the basic element

out of which all things on this

earth and in this universe are

made, when mankind comes to

the place where he can release

that energy and does so, he is

unlocking the ultimate store-

house of God Almighty Himself."

bomb so sensational that they

are even willing to postpone ap-

propriating money for the Navy

until they know what the new

When some of the Congress-

fleet, Representative Anderson

of California asked cuttingly: "If

bombs on some ships that are

will resist the attacks of the

Bolifield of California

atomic bomb?"

July.

But the following day, the that when you occupy the city -or liberate it, as you call itthe alliance with the monarchist crew will last?"

Manfredi has no answer except to spit in the face of the Nazi. But the taunt lays open the terrible crime of Stalinism. By its false and futile alliances with capitalist reaction, Stalinism betrays not alone the Manfredis who are themselves in part responsible for propping up Stalinism.' It betrays also the masses of courageous working people who in every country fought for an end to capitalism, only to find the Stalinist leaders tying them with new ropes to the most reactionary forces.

Open City provides honest glimpses into the struggles of these working people. The foodriot, which Pina smilingly admits she helped to start, centers on the raid of a bakery. As the hungry men and women scatter. with their precious booty, a black market operator brazenly apwhich purport to explain fas- proaches them with offers of food est, for the producers do not dare chases him off, burning with indignation at the ab

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PROBLEMS FACING WAR VETERANS

-By CHARLES CARSTEN-

What Minimum-Wage Fight Means To Vets

An Army recruiting advertisement reads: "Book Your Foreign Tour With the Regular Army .- Millions yearn for extensive travel! . . . Best sellers are based on the romance and mystery of foreign lands-the stuff of which dreams are made . . . the Recalar Army offers a job with a future . .. opportunity for education and advancement."

These ads, now blanketing the country, must indeed appear ludicrous to ex-GIs who spent years in the "conducted, tours" of the Army.

At the same time in Washington, D. C., Senator Smith denounced the 65 cents an hour floor on wages proposed by the minimum wage bill as an attempt to "go too far too soon." The proposed changes in the minimum wage law, he asserted, "may undermine a sound minimum wage program and might affect the whole national economy. We should 'digest' the advances" of a much lower increase "before making further advances mandatory."

The connection between the Army recruiting posters and the attack on the minimum wage bill by the Senators may not be immediately apparent. However, viewed in the light of a recent statement by the National Citizens' Political Action Committee that "veterans offered less than 65 cents an hour are reenlisting for better pay," the connection becomes obvious.

The minimum wage increase bill would raise wages from the present 40 cents an hour minimum to 65 cents an hour this year and to 75 cents an hour by 1950. The bill proposes to extend the coverage of the law to 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 "white collar" and "first processing agricultural workers."

About 2,500,000 manufacturing workers would be affected by the increase. Raising their wages to the proposed minimum "would require an increase of 2 per cent of the total 1945 wage bill," according to Senator Barkley.

Even this slight increase for workers, who are not earning enough to buy sufficient food at the present high prices, is considered "inflationary" by the Senators. A bare subsistence wage of \$26 a week, which the minimum wage bill would guarantee, is in their opinion too much for workers.

They had a different opinion about legislation which handed billions of dollars, from the public treasury to the big corporations in the form of tax rebates. That was neither "unsound" nor "inflationary" in the minds of the Senators. The government grants price increases to the corporations and the Senators raise no objection.

Why War Department Objects

On this question of the minimum wage bill the Senators are working hand in glove with both Wall Street and the War Department. Wall Street wants a big Army with which to impose its domination upon the peoples of the world. The War Department finds it difficult to make Army enlistment attractive enough to fool veterans who know the truth about it. Therefore the Big Brass banks on using economic compulsion to drive ex-servicemen back into the Army.

Despite the low-paying jobs ex-GIs are being forced to take, they haven't reenlisted in any great numbers. Any increase in wages would tend to cut down recruitment even further. So, the War Department is dead set against increasing the minimum wage and Congress is cooperating wholeheartedly.

On the other hand, the labor movement is makwage bill in its original form, because it would raise

Now in their new drive along the road to war, the Big Business bandits are trying to keep the usurped war-making power concentrated completely in their own hands.

That power must be wrested from them. The American people must domand the democratic right to decide for themselves whether or not this country shall again be dragged into war. Truman's militaristic Army Day proclamation gives added urgency to the demand: LET THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES VOTE ON THE QUESTION OF PEACE OR WAR!

Minimum Wage

The Senate last week gave another vivid demonstration of the kind of "progressive victory" (as the CIO-PAC leaders called it) American labor won in the November 1944 elections through the policy of supporting capitalist "friends of labor."

Those "friends of labor" in effect scuttled the bill for the establishment of a minimum. 65-cents an hour wage. After stalling and haggling for a year, the Senate passed the bill with "riders" attached that were deliberately calculated to ensure its presidential veto. Even a 65-cent minimum wage means the barest subsistence standards for tens of millions who now recieve less. But the department and chain store magnates whose profits increased 1,500 per cent during the war, the cannery and corporation-farm interests, all the rich exploiters of low-pay labor - put their hooks into the Minimum Wage Bill,

For reasons of political expediency, the Big Business agents in the Senate didn't dare put themselves on record as opposed to a miserly minimum income of \$26 a week in this period of soaring inflation. But they made sure the bill was passed in such a form as to guarantee its defeat.

The brutal and cynical politicians of the Republican and Democratic parties of Wall Street are interested in only one thing-to use the powers of government to protect the profits and privileges of the capitalists. They have handed tens of billions of dollars from the public treasury to the big corporations. And they want to ensure the continuation of superprofits even at the expense of millions who now work for "not enough to live on and just too much to die on."

The entire labor movement backed the demand for adequate minimum wage legislation. Yet a handful of corrupt capitalist politicians can thus brazenly disregard the will of 15,000,000 organized workers and millions of other progressive-minded people. With the

Free Press

"Freedom of the press" is a hallowed slogan of the so-called "democracies," and one of the four freedoms promised to the war-torn world. But what is the real status of "freedom of the press" in the United States today?

In this issue of The Militant we report a dangerous threat to the labor press. Curtailment of newsprint deliveries to two New York printing concerns has already menaced 50 labor, fraternal and veterans' publications.

"When a labor journal can't print for lack of paper, it means that it is suppressed," wrote the Hat Worker, organ of the AFL United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers. "No newsprint, no Hat Worker."

And it might be added that if a paper does not meet post office requirements of regular publication, it can be deprived of second class mailing privileges. This would be a further means of crippling the labor press.

The Big Business press faces no danger of a paper shortage. The major capitalist publishers own vast tracts of forest, pulp mills and paper mills, guaranteeing them a steady flow of newsprint. They have ample funds from their advertising revenue to gobble up additional millions of tons of newsprint on the open or black market. Their monopoly of the major sources of newsprint is supplemented by control over the radio and movies, through which they spread their anti-labor poison at will.

While the Big Business papers expand in size and circulation, they choke off supplies formerly allowed the labor press. Workers' papers are being told, first that they would have to cut the number of pages in half, and "then that they would not be able to print even half a paper," the Hat Worker reveals.

Thus it is clear that despite formal "freedom." the workers' publications are at the mercy of the labor-hating manufacturers and black marketeers who can silence their opponents by withholding supplies.

The Hat Worker says it "raised holy hell and got some paper" for its March 15 issue. It exposed the stand of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, organization of the big publishers, which heartily approves the diversion of more and more newsprint away from the labor press.

The voice of labor must not be gagged! Every workers' organization must "raise holy hell" and keep on raising it to make sure that adequate newsprint is assured to every working class publication.

Children of the partisans, with their own heroic little band under the leadership of a crippled come a symbol of the continuing struggle, fearlessly fighting

on when their parents fall. Although Open City fails to tell the full truth of the workformation about the partisan ers' struggle against fascism, it is unquestionably the best piced into unconsciousness. Des- ture yet produced as a record of the Second World War. It is a picture which should be seen and remembered.

"Of course, I recognize the

fact, and so does the gentleman,

that the atomic bomb can de-

stroy a city. We recognize the

fact that it will kill human be-

ings. But cities will continue to

be built and human beings will

continue to be born. We are go-

ing to try to find out if it can

destroy navies. Regardless of the

result, we know that in all prob-

ability nations will continue to

build navies, but you would build

your navy based around the re-

sults of tests that will be made

. . Why shoold you appropri-

ate billions and billions of dol-

(To be continued.)

Reviewed by **Ruth Johnson**

of

the wages of millions of the lowest paid workers. On this issue as on others, the unions are demonstrating that they are the only force in the country that really fights in the interests of the worker veterans.

UAW Convention Assails Jim Crow, Race Hatreds

In a resolution adopted March 23 at its National Convention, the CIO United Auto Workers assailed racial discrimination and sharply protested against recent anti-Negro outrages in Columbia, Tennessee and Freeport, New York.

The resolution Warns that "forces of reaction" are attempting to divide labor and the Negroes, "by increased attacks against the Negro people and other minority groupings."

It cites other manifestations of discrimination, including the "quota system" which limits the number of Jewish students in schools; the failure of the government to increase immigration quotas to save displaced Jewish persons in Europe; and the United States Employment Service's acceptance of discriminatory work orders.

Hits Tennessee Terror

In Tennessee, the UAW charges, Democratic Governor McCord has "done nothing to prosecute the members of a white mob who stormed the jail . . . in an effort to lynch James C. Stephenson, a 19year old Navy veteran and his mother, who were the innocent victims of an assault by whites. He has done nothing to prosecute the officers responsible for the deaths of two prisoners in their custody. He has done nothing to assure a fair trial to the 68 Negroes indiscriminately arrested after a carload of whites raided the Negro area of Columbia

The UAW demands that local and state officials in Tennessee prosecute members of the white meb and the officers who killed their prisoners. further demands the immediate release of all prisoners held without charge, and a fair trial to these who are under charges.

In New York, Republican Governor Dewey he likewise ignored a murderous assault upon Negr veterans. The UAW declares:

"The Governor of the State of New York be done nothing to bring to justice those responsible for the recent slaying of two Negro war veteran and the inflicting of injury to a Negro member a the armed forces in Freeport, Long Island." the Freeport case as in the Columbia terror, the UAW calls for prosecution of the persons guilty the assault upon the Negro victims.

The resolution further called for the establishment of a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee on both a federal and state basis, and it instructs all departments of the UAW to tak action to eliminate discrimination in hiring and upgrading of workers in the auto industry.

in building battleships that will prove to be useless in years to Representative Vinson Georgia explained in greater detail precisely how this "saving" is to be accomplished: "We are coming here in a day or two asking for three and a half billion dollars to support the Navy. You would be in a far better position knowing what effect the most modern destructive weapon ever devised would have on the ships of that Navy. It will guide the Government in the building of its future nevies.

In fact the majority of Cononly an atomic war but one waggressmen consider the atom ed with the most destructive atom bombs that can possibly be devised: "In my opinion the military forces might do the same thing they did in World War I explosive power will do to a batand refuse to admit the effect tleship. Consequently most of of this bomb as they refused to them heartily approve the midadmit the effect of the bombs Pacific experiment in which a that Billy Mitchell dropped. We \$450,000,000 fleet is now scheddo not want to prepare for anuled to be blown sky-high by an other war with the methods atom bomb about the middle of which have been used in the war just ended and which are now obsolete because of the developmen spoke worriedly about the ment of atomic energ." cost of including 10 or 20 brand

new ships as part of the target | SAVING FOR ALL!

lers to build submarines when Rankin of Mississippi, one of you do not know what effect the the most cunning and cagey paratomic bomb will have upon the we do not try out the atom liamentarians in Congress, met submarines you are building? I the economy-minded minority on say again I consider it a wise modern, how will we know how their ground: "And this experito design ships in the future that | ment will probably not only save thing to find out exactly what effect the atomic bomb will have this country billions of dollars on ships.' but will save the other nations was of the world billions of dollars

Congressmen At Work



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Scab Murders Union Head Of Family

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From Philadelphia we received

The Tampa Bulletin, a lead-

son's column in its March 30

edition. The reprinted column

appeared originally in The Mill-

tant of March 9, and was entitled

"Origin and Significance of

Our statistics place March

among the top ranking Militant

Army months. The Militant has

been introduced to 542 new read-

have been secured. A breakdown

of the various categories follows:

tions, of which 100 were obtained

77 new one-year subs.

229 six-month renewals.

172 one-year renewals.

465 new six-month subscrip-

15 new and 26 renewals on the

22 of the new subs. of which

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Works.



The Workers' Forum columns are open to the opinions of the readers of "The Militant". Letters are welcome on any subject of interest to the workers. Keep them short and include your name and address. Indicate if you do not want your name printed.

Exposes Red Cross **As Political Weapon Of Imperialism**

Editor:

On the time clock, this morning, as I punched in still sleepyayed and tired, I noticed a company announcement in glowing and heartbreaking terms, to be sertain to contribute to the Red Cross. Donate a day's pay, just the that, and enlighten the beavy hearts of the millions of poverty stricken peoples throughbut the world.

The Red Cross pretends .impartiality in aiding all who are n need. Friend and foe alike. Very well, then, let the Red Cross explain why they did not offer this assistance to the needy GM strikers and the many other workers who found themselves in dire need because of the arromant attitude of the capitalist elass in their attempt to smash the unions and usher in an era. open shop "free-enterprise" competition.

To assist in a case like this. they will argue, still pretending impartiality and benevolence. will incourage the continuation of the strike. We can add therefore, namely, that hunger used as a weapon to drive the workers back and accept the terms of the bosses

If assistance to the striking workers will encourage and prolong strikes, by that same token, asistance to the war victims of imperialist greed will, too, encourage and prolong wars.

But imperialist wars are struggles strictly in the interest of the capitalist class; and it's wonderful for the working people to finance the healing of their own bruises. The capitalist class will even spend ten millions of dollars to advertise for the Red Cross to receive ten times the amount from the pockets of well meaning workers.

The Red Cross is an institution of the capitalist class and used as a political weapon by that class. Has the Red Cross assisted the victims of the Independence Movements in India, Java, Indonesia, Egypt, etc.? I have never heard that they have. Perhaps The Militant can answer this question.

We must extend our willing hand to all the victims of imperialist rapacity. The alms given to them by the Red Cross will prevent the pangs of hunger for at most a day. Their only salva- Soviet Union,-the toilers in tion lies in the overthrow of the

INDONESIA Heaps of burned and twisted

rags. Flung about with lack of grace; Here, no glory, pomp or flags-This that was a market place. Awkward things they seem to be, Some sit up, and others lay; Strange, this bloody misery -Once was children at their play . .

Eddie Dumaine

We'll All Be Free **Or All Be Slaves**

Editor: I suppose I have always been a militant person even before I ever joined the Socialist Workers Party. I have always stood for the things that are right, regardless of race, creed or color. If the political parties would practice what they preach they would see that this fight for a

Labor Party and the FEPC is for real democracy. The case of the Ferguson Brothers, the Tennessee riots, and the many other Jim Crow ideas and practices have to go. Jim Crowism has got to go, before we'll all be free. If

it doesn't go, we'll all be slaves. R. B. **Philadelphia**

Editor:

my draft board.

serve my turn.'

The Privileged People And **Workers In The Soviet Union**

Editor: When I read "The Revolution Betrayed" recently, I found particularly revealing that portion of Trotsky's masterful analysis of the Soviet state dealing with the social aspects of the bureaucracy. The revolting

spectacle of a highly privileged social stratum in a country where the workers took power and seriously hoped to erect the classless society on the backward foundations of Russia, is particularly repugnant to classconscious workers in general, and revolutionary Marxists in particular.

To the allegations that the Stalinist bureaucracy is living like a collective leech on the real creators of wealth in the

have demurred:

Overseas 3 Years Drafted For More I met my friend Jim on the

street the other day. He was wearing khaki pants and had a discharge button in his lapel. He was just celebrating his twentieth birthday, but he didn't seem happy about it at all. "What's the matter, Jim?" I

asked. "Aren't you happy to get out of that outfit?" and I pointed to the button. He smiled bitterly. "Yeah, I

hought I got out of that outfit. I sneaked in when I was sixteen because I looked older. They sent me over to Burma for three years. That taught me. They finally found out about my age and discharged me. And now, after spending three years over there, I get a letter to report to

"You see," and Jim gave me a knowing look, "I never was in officially. Now I got to go and

Yes, Jim knows that this imperialist army will stop at nothing to keep its forces to one million men. And what do the Brass Hats care if a kid of sixteen (after all the propaganda about saving democracy!) was foolish enough to sneak into the army. Laura Falk

> Trotskyist Youth Group New York City

April, 1946, under the title""Rus-

sia's Privileged Class."

Hersey's speech was not all chaff. Some of the grain is of significant import! "... Russian creative artists are among the most wealthy, influential and honored people in the Soviet Union. This fact both rewards them for their hard work and

constantly reminds them of their responsibilities as engineers. 'The best paid people in Russia today, aside from the highest ranking officers of state and army, are writers, composers, actors, movie stars, musicians, architects, directors, painters, sculptors and dancers. Las year Dmitri Shostakovich earn-

ed about 250,000 rubles"-at the standard rate of exchange, \$50.000.

A skilled Russian worker earnes 1,000 rubles a month, and city and country,-the skeptics a member of the "aristocracy of

Madison. Wis



knifed by a scab because of his union activities. Her daughter is five years old. The murderer was let off scot free. The same jury sentenced three of Campbell's fellow-pickets, members of Local 90, CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers, to a year in jail.

Ex-Sailor Exposes Privileges Enjoyed By Navy Gold Braid

I am sending on for the information of Militant readers, excerpts from a letter on the military caste system. The letter signed by Albert McCrady, originally appeared in the "to the editor" column 🖭

of the Portland Oregonian. "No American wants to be Submits Poem treated like a serf or a coolie. On War Slogans Yet the admirals and generals persist in upholding their medieval military system with its grossly unfair differential in privileges between officers and enlisted men.

"As an ex-enlisted man with some years of service in the navy, the situation is not one of hearsay with me. Contrary to popular misconception, enlisted men generally are not complaining about social inequalities, or differences in uniform, or the saluting custom, or other such minor annoyances. "Our complaint lies in the

wasteful and useless way in which our labor and material went to maintain officers, even in the war zone, in an artificial and ridiculous position of exaltation. . .

"I served some time at a New Guinea base where the officers ightly ate steaks from white tablecloths and were served drinks by white-coated stewards' mates, while the enlisted men stood in line in the rain and mud to receive their rations of bread and beans.

Philippine waters where the supand water was turned on for only an hour daily in enlisted When those who deal in death men's washrooms, with no Shall find the words showers or clothes-washing per- | For some new slogan-with its

Editor: Recently I chanced to find t. following poem while rummagi through some old school not I do not know who the auth

is, but I am sure there is place for his poem in The Mil tant - the most courageous bat tler in the United States agains capitalist wars. * *

SLOGANS "Carthage must be destroyed

an old man spoke, And thousands, answering h

cry, Laid down their lives - their Bright young lives, that foreign

gold Might flow unchallenged into Roman marts.

"A war to end all wars!" or ii that seems Too wild a dream, "A War to Make the world Safe for Democracy." Again they went, the youth With souls uplifted, giving all they had to give.

"I served on a PT tender in O, wild-eyed youth who look at war today ply of fresh water was limited And see it as it is, beware the time

Activities

"A small section of Atlantic City's Boardwalk took on a red glow during the past week and it wasn't the reflection of a resort sunset.

Pioneer

Notes

"At 2227 Boardwalk, in the shadow of the big Municipal Auditorium, where 2,300 United Auto Workers (CIO) were in ses- | thousand copies of the March 30 sion, the Pioneer Publishers, 116 and April 6 issues of The Militant University Place, New York, has set up headquarters."

So writes the reporter for the Atlantic City Press in a story which appeared on page 1 of the March 30 issue. The story goes on:

"Two representatives of the publishing firm—of undoubted foreign extraction (! ! !) stood barricaded behind counters heap 1 with literature ranging from Wartime Crimes of Big Business to Jobs for All ... Among the thousands of pamphlets on sale for from five cents to 25 cents, Stalinism and Bolshevism and American Workers Need a Labor Party were hawked to the interested stroller who halted at the stand."

Among the many "interested" strollers were large numbers of UAW convention delegates who stopped to look over and buy the literature and take subscriptions for The Militant and The Fourth International. Other pamphlets which interested these union workers were Trade Union Problems by Farrell Dobbs, and The Case for Socialism the four attractively boxed pamphlets on the famous Minnepolis Trial. A Practical Proram to Kill Jim Crow, The Struggle for Negro Equality and Negroes in the Post-War World were also sold in large numbers. The reporter goes on:

"They readily admitted that they were disciples of Lenin, Trotsky and Marx and preached the precepts of Communism to all Boardwalk strollers who stopped listen. But they disavowed Premier Stalin of Russia and decried 'his breakup of the Communist International a few years ago.'

"They asserted that the world is one big economic unit and 'w believe that Communism a preached by Marx, Trotsky an Lenin should be spread all ove the world."

For any of the literature men tioned in the Atlantic City Pres story, write to Pioneer Publishers, 116 University Place, New York, 3, N. Y.

Youth Group

"So far 65 people have written Delegates and visitors to the in, and after they have had an United Automobile Workers' opportunity to see what The Convention in Atlantic City had Militant represents we will write an opportunity to get a Marxist analysis of the convention issues and ask them for a regular sixthrough distributions of several month or one-year subscription. "This radio station has quite

a varied coverage and includes at the Civic Auditorium. among other points, Sharon, Pa., Many of the participating del-West Virginia, Ashtabula, etc. In egates were well acquainted with any case, you can't complain that The Militant. They had seen it Youngstown is neglecting The fighting side by side with them Militant."

on the picket lines in Detroit, Flint, Los Angeles, and other this note: "The consistent and automobile centers and had come to recognize it as "their paper." evergrowing attendance at the In addition a good many of them forums and socials of the Philadelphia branch is indicative of were subscribers to The Militant.

the effectiveness of The Milltant and how well it is accepted by Murray Jackson of New York workers in our area. sent us this note regarding one "With 10 newsstands spotted of the distributions in which he in all sections of the city carryparticipated:

ing The Militant, we find that "On Thursday morning an enour paper is being readily acthusiastic group of comrades cepted by the workers of SKP. from New York, New Jersey. Baldwin Locomotive Pennsylvania, and Connecticut Westinghouse, General Electric mobilized in front of Pioneer and the Budd plant." Bookstall on the boardwalk for copies of The Militant to be dising Negro paper in Florida, retributed at the morning session printed another of Charles Jack-

of the convention. "We covered the front entrances as well as the sidestreets in order to reach as many delegates coming to attend the session as we could. The Militant with its headline: 'UAW Delegates Face Key Issues' caught the eye of all passersby and I could hardly give out the

papers fast enough. "This was my first experience ers. In addition 401 renewals in distributing The Militant, and it was a real source of satisfaction to me to see these workers accept copies of our paper. Later on in the hall, I saw The Militant from striking workers. in many workers' pockets to be

read at their leisure, while others were reading it prior to the opening morning session."

combination offer to The Mili-George Weissman of Youngstant and Fourth International. town writes: "Incidentally we're competing with your office in 8 were for six months and 14 mailing out copies of The Milifor one year, were sent to us on tant. We went on the radio for The Militant coupon clipped from 15 minutes to answer a Stalinist page 2. attack on us and since we didn't

want to waste all our time on them, we told the listeners what The Militant's program was, and offered anyone who was interested a trial copy.

Use Coupon On Page 2



Editor

at makes the Red Cross a necessity, which is an organization that attempts to camouflage the brutality of its hypocritical masters.

Congratulations to The Militant which speaks for our solution. Fred Riggs

NEW YORK Youth Social Sat., April 13 Dancing Entertainment **Chelsea Workers** Center 130 W. 23rd St. 8 p.m.



Detroit

faces of the ostensibly "objective observers" of the "Russian experiment." The author of "A Bell for





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complete equality, but there is no marked disparity in living standards, and anyway, the

situation is improving." Trotsky threw this lie into the Steel Worker's Wife **Sends News Stories**

> Editor: Enclosed you will find \$1 for year's subscription to The Militant. I find it very interesting. Somehow I can hardly believe that the things that I read can keep going on in a civilized world! I am sending you two clippings from our local paper,

the Allentown Morning Call. (One clipping is a photo of two Chicago cops brutally dragging a woman picket to a police wagon, while a third officer looks on, smirking. The incident occurred during a strike at the W. A. Jones Foundry and Machine Company. The second clipping tells of the arrest on an assault and battery papers today. charge, of veteran Charles Ken-

drick, member of the CIO Steelworkers. When scabs tried to crash the picket line at Everson Electric Company, one man received a broken nose. A striker, could be given. Thanks so much for sending

from over the side.'

me The Militant after my sub had run out, I would have renewed sooner, but my husband, a steel worker, was out on strike. and so we were very low on funds. Thanks again for sending me The Militant until I was able Mrs. K. S.

Allentown, Pa. **J. PIERPONT MONEYBAGS** should be entitled:

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ticle on to you.

mitted. Yet the officers' showers shining lie. were turned on 24 hours a day, and one of the chief consumers

of fresh water aboard the vessel was the officers' laundry which A Correction On supplied freshly starched khaki uniforms for them. Meanwhile Piecework In UAW enlisted men would come up Editor:

from a day's work in the torrid There is an inaccuracy in The engine room and try to remove Militant of March 30, 1946. I.regrease stains from their clothfer to the article, "General Motes and bodies with salt water ors Still Tied Up on Local Issues." Toward the end of the ar-

Fortunately, the Stalinists

A Reader ticle, one of the paragraphs Portland. Ore states that the Stalinists foisted the piecework system on some locals under their control during

New Reader Praises "Militant" Reporting state: "A notorious example of

Editor: Cleveland, where the workers are As a recent subscriber to The now fighting to get rid of the Militant I want to praise the obincentive pay system the Stalinjective way in which you cover ist Local 45 leaders had shoved the news and particularly the down their throats." unbiased reporting of the Free-The facts are as follows: Durport, Long Island murders. It is ing the war there was no piecerefreshing to read the news minus the capitalist smear that work in any of the GM plants under contract with the UAW. dominates the majority of news-The piecework system is used as a method of pay in automobile

Enclosed is an article I found production. It was eliminated in in the New York Herald Tribune a majority of plants in the strike of March 10, and in its proper of 1937, but remained in about setting—the financial section of a dozen plants. The Fisher Body the paper. There are so many plant is one of those. With the appropriate titles that article end of the war and the resump-

(The article, complete with pictures, describes how the Free- the production lines. The union port, Long Island Bank provides raised as its chief local demand relaxation for its customers. It the elimination of piecework and presents daily organ recitals, and the establishment of equitable on special occasions such as day rates. Christmas, adds loudspeakers to transmit the music to passers-

If there are any musicians subscribing to The Militant I suggest | Fenster wrote an article in the they write a composition to be Local 45 paper, criticizing Reuplayed on that organ for the cit- ther for opposing the incentive izens of Freeport. The work pay proposals. He claimed this

Organs" (in three movements) I-Scherzo - Allegro moltomeant the reintroduction of r Whistle While You Feed Our piecework in all the General Motors plants, and would have crip-II-Marcia Funebre - Andanpled the struggle against it after

the war. III-Finale-Allegro Vivace-or never got to first base with their

We Shall Always Aim to Di-Anyway, I am passing the ar-

New Subscriber

NEW YORK - The Trotskyist **Jack Miller** Youth Group meets at 116 University Place. Send name and Philadelphia address for information.

> Sunday educational and discussion. 8 p.m., Chelsea Workers Center, 130 W. 23rd St. Sat., April 13-Youth Surprise Party, Chelsea Workers Center, 130 W. 23rd St., 8 p.m. Dancing, entertainment.

Harlem: Every Monday, 8 p.m., class on "Fundamentals of Socialism." Dick Guerrero, instructor, 103 W, 110 St., R. 23. Bronx: Youth class on "What Is Socialism," Thursday, 8 p.m., the war. The article goes on to at 1034 Prospect Avenue.

this is the Fisher Body Plant in BUFFALO - Militant Youth Club meets every Sunday, 7 p.m. Discussion, music, dramatics. Refreshments served. Militant Forum, 629 Main St., 2nd floor.

> PHILADELPHIA-Youth Forums held every Saturday, 8 p.m. 1303-05 W. Girard Ave., 2nd floor.

LOS ANGELES - Write to SWP headquarters, 145 S. Broadway, for information on Youth Group activities.

Watch this column for further tion of automobile production, ietails on youth activities. piecework was re-established on

> they ever pushed piecework proposals.

The corporation is responsible for piecework. The Stalinists tried their best to help the corp-During the war, the Stalinists oration during the war. Fortuntried to interest the workers in ately they were blocked by the their incentive pay proposals. As workers, who had too much exlate as last spring, the Stalinist perience with piecework to permit anyone to shove such finky proposals down their throats. The union has taken up the fight against piecework, suspended in would bring wage increases to 1941, and this time it aims to the General Motors workers. If clean it out completely from the the union had accepted this poi-General Motors plants. sonous advice it would have David Lands

Cleveland, Ohio

IN TACOMA **Buy "The Militant"** at these stands:

incentive pay proposals in the **9th and Pacific** UAW. The reaction of the workers against it was so unanimous Pacific bet. 12th and 13th and so hostile, that the Stalinists

(above 'Midway Amusements') were forced to drop it. Now they Baltimore, Md. are trying to bury the fact that

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1946

"MILITANT" FUND SCORE RISES TO \$3,969

\$1,350 Received **During 3rd Week**

By Justine Lang **Campaign** Director

Inspiring support from comrades, friends and Militant readers to the Militant Sustaining Fund Drive has resulted in the largest weekly total contribution to date of \$1,350.85! This brings our total at the end of the third week of our Militant Fund Drive to \$3,-

records 27 per cent of our total up to \$37.60. Of course, national quota of \$15,000 already realized.

Many of our comrades and friends in Detroit, Buffalo, Flint, Youngstown, Pittsburgh, Cleveland as well as other steel and auto centers, after long weeks of being on strike, have now gone back to work and have begun payments on their pledges. Despite all their other heavy obligations, they are stepping up contributions from those particular centers.

A check of our scoreward shows some interesting changes over last week

We're especially proud to list the achievement of the New York Trotskyist Youth Group. In third place last week with only 54 per cent of their quota realized, they quickly rallied support from their members and friends and climbed over the 100 per cent goal to attain 101 per cent. They have thereby established themselves as the champion section nationally. We hope the Philadelphia and Los Angeles Youth Groups will recover from their silence and give New York some lively

competition. GIVES LUNCH MONEY The spirit of our New York Youth is evidenced in this note from their campaign director, Grace Wayne: "I would like to pass on to you a most inspiring incident that occurred at our last membership meeting. At our previous meetings, the youth have been urged to contribute as generously as possible to the Militant Sustaining Fund Drive, and evidently our words made a deep

impression on them. While I was collecting for the fund, one of the comrades came over to me, extended his hand and dropped 30 cents into mine, and said: 'Here's 30 cents I saved from my lunch money last week. It's not much, but I want to help the Militant Fund Drive

With three of our cities already "over the top," other branches of the Socialist Workers Party are very steadily aiming in that direction, as illustrated in the climb being made by Baltimore. San Francisco and Minneapolis. The latter two branches have proportionately high quotas to and urge other readers to write

969.17. The scoreboard now der for \$17.60 which brings our we will keep sending in weekly payments. One comrade is taking a collection list into the

shop (UAW-CIO) where he works and where we have a core of subscribers. Another comrade, a brewery worker, is circulating a list among his friends from whom he previously had obtained subs.

Clara Kaye of Chicago: "The campaign is coming along very well in Chicago with most comrades pledging a minimum of \$25. Sympathizers too are responding very readily. The other

day we received \$5 from a sympathizer who is an international executive board member of a prominent trade union.

"Now that we have a car we plan to send squads of comrades visiting our sympathizers in the venings

"In addition we have a big chart up on the bulletin board tracing the progress of the drive. One line on the graph signifies the norm, travelling in a straight diagonal line from 1 to 1500. The other shows the actual progress being made in relation to the norm.

Douglas Snyder of Flint: "Am enclosing \$15 as part payment for the Flint branch towards the Militant Fund Drive. Now that the strike is over and we are back at work, we hope to go over our quota.'

Among others, the "I Want To Help" coupon this week brought us a \$1 contribution from an anonymous Militant reader in Baltimore. We hereby acknowledge its receipt and express our thanks

Sam Taylor of Madison, Wisconsin clipped the Militant Collection List printed on our campaign page two weeks ago, circulated it among his friends at the University of Wisconsin, and sent it to us filled with a \$5 collection. His letter is featured elsewhere on this page.

George Lengel, the Reading culated a Militant Collection List among his shopmates and obtained \$7.50 on it.

pace will be continued.

We're extremely grateful to all these staunch Militant friends wartime measure. This is but here collection in stepping stone to permanent conscription of America's youth ion. workers and friends. into the bloody services of Amer-The response to our call for ican imperialism Interesting data has been re- a minimum of \$1,000 per week



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Flint NAACP Protest Rally **Hears Talk By SWP Speaker**

By Jerry Kirk (Special To The Militant)

FLINT, Mich., Mar. 31 - A large protest meeting held under the auspices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, heard a rousing talk by Genora Dollinger, representative of the Socialist Workers Party, condemning the re-

cent bloody assault against the Negro people in Columbia, Tennessee. Mrs. Dollin-ger, a well-known UAW Protests Terror unionist in Flint and Detroit, delivered the main address. Other speakers who addressed the 150 present were Jesse Governor, president of the Local

NAACP branch, Joe Brandt, Organzer of the Flint Communist Party; John Young, Flint attorney, and George Stevens, candidate for State Legislature on the Democratic ticket. Mrs. Dollinger reviewed the

held under auspices of the St. facts behind the recent wave of Paul Branch of the National Asanti-Negro terror sweeping the sociation for the Advancement of country, terming it a part of the boss offensive against the

Colored People. Giving an account of intimidation, clubbing, and "legal lynch-

Against Negroes

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

ST. PAUL, Minn., Apr. 1-

An inter-racial group of 250

persons gathered here last

night to protest the reign of

terror against the entire Ne-

gro community of Columbia,

Tennessee. The meeting was



How the Factory Worker Was Born By V. Grey

Was your father a worker in the shop like you? Maybe. Was your grandfather? Not very likely. How about your great-great-grandfather? Why, no. Definitely no. He was a farmer, or a farm laborer, or maybe a skilled craftsman on his own. Hardly anybody's great-great grandfather was a factory worker.

If you question typical American steelworkers you will see that they come from Poland, Ireland, Hungary, Serbia (Yugoslavia), southern U.S. — and if they didn's that's where their fathers came from. If you question the auto workers you will find that many came from the mid-west, from Kentucky and Tennessee. And their fathers and grandfathers from Ireland, Italy, Germany, England, Poland, etc. All of them farmers or farm hands before they came in the shop.

Everybody says we live in a changing world. Well that's part of the changing of it. People changed from farmers and craftsmen into factory workers-from working for themselves to working for a boss whom they never even see. This has happened on a tremendous scale. The number of American workers has jumped from a few hundred thousand in 1846 to forty million today.

A person can't help thinking. Where did the forty million come from? Suppose they did come from the farms and tiny shops of Europe and America? There were farms for thousands of years, weren't there? What did the forty million do then, when no charitable Henry Ford gave them jobs to sweat in the nerve-racking din of the production line?

It used to take a lot of people to run a little farm. When they cut wheat and oats with a hand scythe, it took more than the hired man to do the work. The farmers used to run to big families. Their sons and daughters found it afull-time job to do the chores and keep the beans hoed, to plant and harvest the grain and weed the corn. When McCormick invented the reaper in the 1840's he gave Henry Ford many thousands of his labor force. Only Ford did not get them at that time.

Instead of throwing people off the farms, this inven-tion led to more farms being started up — and the great mid-west being opened up to wheat production. The country was still expanding. The farmers' surplus sons started new farms.

But when all the land had been taken up, and the reaper had been surpassed by the harvester and combine, more and more farm boys had to go to the cities to "seek their fortunes." And now with the tractor methods and still more advanced farming equipment, whole communities of farms and buildings are wiped off the earth (as in Oklahoma and Arkansas) to make way for the big capitalist farms. And thus new recruits join the industrial army.

The farmers of Europe starve (and want to leave there) for a different reason. America's wheat is produced so cheaply that it can undersell the rest of the world. The ox-drawn plow and the man with the hoe or scythe cannot stay in business and prosper. American capitalism makes the European children come and work for it, or wait for work at the plant gate.

When capitalism first started in England, it got.its labor force even more brutally. Besides running the handworkers out of business, and hiring their children at literally starvation wages, the capitalists passed special laws forcing people off the land. They made begging a crime, and paupers were put in a work-house so horrible that they were glad to work in the mills for a few pennies a day.

The modern wage worker was whipped, driven and forced into his present servitude. The factory system, which produces so much and has the power to emancipate the worker from his chains, is now his master. To get his freeworker must master the factory system. And, to accomplish this, he must understand the secret of capitalist exploitation. He must understand the product he makes, and how the boss makes his profit out of the worker's labor on it.

third week of our campaign at- circulate among their fellow tained over 50 per cent of their respective goals.

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ceived from all sections of the nationally has so far been gencountry this week. Below we erously met by our devoted comquote in part from some of these | rades and friends. We hope the communications:

et and

B. Colman of Milwaukee reach one third of our goal or writes: "Enclosed is a money or- \$5,000 by next week!



Militant Fund Campaign Director:

To The Militant:

\$15,000 Fund Compaign.

Enclosed find \$5 for the Militant Sustaining Fund, con-I tributed by students here at the University of Wisconsin. tide of popular protest and in-Many of the students are doing part-time work to defray dignation against such proposals their expenses at college; others are holding to a narrow for universal militarization and budget under the \$65-a-month GI Bill. That explains the small individual contributions.

(Listed as contributors are: J. G. 50 cents; M. P. 25 cents; R. Z. 15 cents; Anonymous 10 cents; E. R. 10 cents; B. W. 10 cents; H. J. 25 cents; J. B.-S. B. 25 cents; E. M. 50 sents; B. G. 25 cents; G. B. 10 cents; D. G. 25 cents; and S. T. \$2.20).

Thousands of workers are beginning to recognize The Militant as a forthright fighter with and for them against the boss class. Sam Taylor

gigantic militarization that Tru-This demand is brazenly proclaimed after millions of GIs ed first that "victorious nations The bosses recognize this threat abroad, now forced to serve as cannot, on the surrender of a to their imperialistic interests tools for tyrannizing over convicious and dangerous enemy, quered and colonial peoples, have turn their backs and go home." asserted demonstratively their But no one will believe that desire to come home at once. American imperialism fears shat-

HYPOCRITICAL ASSERTION tered and prostrate Germany and On top of this, Truman wants Japan. Clearly, it is against revolting peoples of conquered and to impose universal military colonial countries that mighty training-"not conscription," he occupation armies are to be used

WORLD-WIDE PRESERVE But Truman's main threats

offensive against the Soviet Un-

What is the purpose of this

are reserved for his "allies", above all the Soviet Union. Hypocritical American imperialism, which is maintaining vast military forces throughout the world, is shaking its mailed fist at the Soviet Union. "We expect recognition," Truman sharply warned. 'that we also have an interest in maintaining peace and security" in the Far East and "insist that the sovereignty and integrity of the Near East and Middle East must not be threatened American imperialism, he thus proclaims, has staked out worldwide preserves.

Though the greatest slaughter n human history ended only a few short months ago, Truman is already warning that "on short notice, each man must be ready to take his place and go forward -not at the end of a few months, or a few days, but immediately." Truman has thus spoken for a new war, for American imperialist domination of the globe and for military regimentation and repression at home. That program of Wall Street can be halted only if the American people rise in their wrath and mobilize their full powers

of organized resistance against

1029 E. Baltimore St.

BALTIMORE

Open Forum On

"Postwar World and Tasks of Labor"

Speaker: TED BARR

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Progressive Labor Lyceum

Tue poweriu unity of the workers in the reing" in Columbia, Rev. Joseph G. cent huge strike wave," she declared, "has shown the capitalist rulers how great, how mighty man demands? Truman assert- is the working class united . .

and are beginning to build up Columbia." their fascist organizations to spread their gospel of hate and

poison among us." STANDING OVATION Advocating an independent labor party, she continued. "The

politicians of the rich in our Congress at one and the same time kill FEPC and draw up legislation to smash labor

unions." In conclusion she stated, "The Socialist Workers Party, which represent, will leave no stone unturned until the Columbia Tennessee victims are freed and vindicated and their murderers placed behind bars. The Socialist Workers Party will leave no stone unturned until this rotten system of discrimination. wars, poverty and misery is replaced by a system of true equality and justice and real liberty for all."

Her address was greeted by a standing ovation from all present. The audience composed primarily of GM workers and their wives, contributed \$165 for the defense of the Columbia Ten-



8 p.m.

Moore, main speaker of the evening, a major in the Chaplains' Corps during the war, declared. "I have seen areas in the Philippines and Luzon that didn't look as bad as the Negro district in

> Rev. Moore visited Columbia while martial law was still in effect. He interviewed members of the terrorized community, against whom the violence of 1,-000 state police was employed in order "to keep a certain minority in its place."

PEOPLE TERRORIZED Interviews with Governor

James McCord of Tennessee, the state police and the National Guard during which Rev. Moore was told tales of Negro insurrection-"the Negro is getting too uppity" - contrasted strikingly with the facts he uncovered. shops with doors smashed in and stock torn from the shelves, bullet holes ten inches from the floor (the militia had said they shot too high to injure anyone) and a people so terrorized that all the lights were out each night. and one frightened man 'said,

"I can't tell you anything because I've got to live here and I've got a black face." Other speakers were Rev. C.

T. R. Nelson, president of the local branch of the NAACP, who characterized the recent outbreak in Tennessee as the worst since World War II began, and Milton Siegel, assistant district director of the United Packinghouse Workers of America (CIO), Reading the resolution passed by his organization, which called for impeachment proceedings

against Governor McCord, Siegel stated, "It's about time we start looking for the black market in human lives.'

The meeting contributed over \$350 to the Columbia Defense Fund and passed a resolution condemning this flagrant violation of civil rights by the law enforcement agencies" and demanding "that all guilty parties are brought to justice and that the constitutional rights of the Negro defendants be protected."

Subscribe To The Militant Use Coupon On Page 2 (Next Week: The Things We Produce)

City Payroll Tax Opposed At Polls By Toledo Labor

By M. Walker (Special to The Militant)

TOLEDO, O., Apr. 5-Next Thursday, April 11, the voters of Toledo go to the polls to vote up or down on a one per cent payroll income tax to finance the city. This tax was passed by City Council after the electorate had voted" down every levy and bond.

issue proposed by the admin- make \$100,000 a year you also istration last fall. The pay- pay just one per cent. Representatives of the CIO roll tax provides for a flat one per cent of income to be dehave pointed out that to take 10 cents from a man making \$10 a ducted from earnings, with no week is to take a loaf of bread exemptions whatsoever.

from the mouths of his children. This tax plan has been op- But to take one per cent from posed by the Railroad Brother- the man whose income is in the hoods and by the CIO Political five-figure bracket, still leaves Action Committee. The PAC in- him more than he can use. Furitiated petitions to put the payroll income tax proposition on tax falls less heavily on the ther, they have shown that the the ballot in a special referen- higher income groups due to dum. The balloting next Thurs- provisions of the federal income day is the result of its successful tax laws. petition campaign.

TEST CASE

The outcome of this tax probranch in Toledo has opposed posal in Toledo is being watched this tax and has applied for time with great interest by the muni- on the radio to explain our views cipal politicians of scores of oth- on this unjust tax. Whether we er cities. If it is successful in will get time is still uncertain, Toledo it will undoubtedly be initiated elsewhere. SWP are active in the campaign

The city administration in To- of the CIO and the Railroad oredo reports that dozens of in- ganizations, urging the workersquiries have poured in from other of Toledo to go to the polls cities all over the country which Thursday and deseat this "Soak are considering the same type of taxation. Minneapolis is reported to have already taken steps to introduce a payroll tax there. The CIO is leading the campaign for the defeat of this measure. Fighting for it are the

United Toledo Committee, the business associations, and the daily press. The favorite argument of the proponents of the Payroll Income Tax is that it is the most just form of taxation,

You see, it is a flat one per cent regardless of the amount of your income. If you make \$10 a week you pay one per cent. If you

BRONX **Open Forum** Eyewitness Report on 'UAW Convention And its Lessons' Speaker: SARAH ROSS Sunday April 14

Questions Discussion 1034 Prospect Ave. 8 p.m.

OPPOSED BY SWP

the Poor" tax bill.

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blandly assures, "unless Congress declares an emergency and calls upon them to serve in the armed forces . . ." That is, whenever Wall Street's political agents de-

cide to make war. Just a few months ago the regimentation was so strong that only the most outspoken militarists and reactionaries were openly calling for such measures.

Since then a monumental propaganda drive has been unleashed to ready public opinion for a new blood-bath, a third World War. The Army Day

proclamation of American imperialism's leading political representative was timed to take ad-Madison, Wis. vantage of the terrific warmon-

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Anglo-American Imperialists Haggle Over Crumbs For Starving Millions

By Felix Morrow

ATLANTIC CITY, March 29-Fiorello LaGuardia was installed today as the new Director-General of UNRRA and immediately began to whitewash the Truman administration-which very much needed the whitewash after the revelations made 9-

Director-General.

"Lehman allegedly resigned because of his health, but meanwhile has consented to run for U. S. Senator if named in the current ALP-Democratic negotiations. His immediate reason for resigning was Truman's sending Hoover abroad on a food "survey" without even consulting Lehman. But this was merely the last straw.

For over a year now, Lehman has vainly sought the support of the Truman administration for drastic steps to provide food for the starving continents of Europe and Asia. Still a loyal Democrat-his proposals were simply a more far-sighted program in the interest of U.S. imperialism-Lehman resigned without denouncing the Truman administration's crimes. But Lehman's speeches and reports

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to the General Council of UNRRA during its 15-day session here constitute, despite their perialist rivals-that's one thing. diplomatic coverings, a terrible indictment of the U.S. government.

In his acceptance speech, LaGuardia said Truman "wants to do everything that is humanly possible to alleviate suffering and hunger anywhere in the world." Lehman's speeches and reports considerably modify this glowing tribute.

FUTURE EVEN WORSE

The Truman-Hoover ballyhoo that the food crisis will last only 120 days until the next harvests in Europe, was designed to evade taking more fundamental steps to alleviate the situation. Lehman said of this:

"On the evidence available to UNRRA on this subject, I beture and Mr. Hoover do not reemergency. We have absolutely no right to plan on any basis other than that the situation next winter may be even worse than the present crisis."

by former New York Gov- | ostensibly providing a 20 per ernor Herbert H. Lehman, cent cut in feeding grain to fowl who resigned yesterday as and cattle, actually applies only to grain purchased and not to grain and corn raised by feeders, which is most of that fed to cattle.

> The Truman administration doesn't want these growers to get into the habit of selling grain and corn in the market because eventually that would add to overproduction. That in the interim tens of millions

might be saved from starvation in Europe and Asia if these farmers did sell grain and corn now scarcely seems to bother Truman. Anderson and the rest of the government. PROFIT FIRST

Requisitioning and rationing. Lehman asked that the government continue its wartime practice of set-asides whereby a given percentage of all products

would go to the government which would turn it over to UNRRA. Certainly it is the most efficacious means of providing food for the world. But whereas the government was driven to it to win the war, it is reluctant to

do it in peacetime. Requisitioning in order to smash its im-But requisitioning in order to save tens of millions of starving humans-what's the point for private profit?

Likewise with rationing. UNRRA officials, in private conversation. understood well enough why the U.S. had gone off rationing and wouldn't return, despite all the figures presented to Truman by Leh-

Work."

arbitrate.

to the end."

man a year ago. "The Chinese and the Czechs don't vote here, and this is an election year." Washington had garnered cheaply a certain amount of popularity by ending rationing and wasn't going to rock the boat now. Moreover, renewal of rationing would turn public attention to embarrassing questions: why it

was ended if it should have conlieve that the reported views tinued; why, instead, all-out both of the Secretary of Agricul-production hadn't been encouraged; and just what is being cognize the full scale of the done with all the food that is being produced. Which brings us to the key auestion: who controls the

which has no voice in allocating

Detroit Transit Workers Vote Strike

Undaunted by Detroit anti-labor Mayor Edward J. Jeffries threat to break their strike, bus and trolley operators shown above cheer, and demonstrate as they leave Detroit Labor Temple after voting on April 2 to strike for a wage boost.



(Special to The Militant)

DETROIT, Apr. 6-Backed by the overwhelming majority of Detroit people, the 5,200 striking conductors, motormen and drivers of the city-owned Detroit Street Railway, members of Division 26 of the AFL Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employes, are holding firm to their slo-"No Contract - No really roused public sentiment gan.

against him. 1, On the eve of the strike Jeff-After six days of strike, they ries threatened: "The city will remain unmoved by Mayor Jeff-

ries' strikebreaking threats, the be without transportation only capitalist press lynch editorials until public opinion is sufficientand the radio lies, the scabby ly aroused to justify the turmoil statements by Edwards and Casthat accompanies the breaking tator, the so-called labor men on the City Common Council, as of a strike."

well as by advice from their own "Public opinion" veered more international union officers to sharply than ever behind the strikers. Not only the militant At a Cass Technical High School meeting on Thursday auto workers, but even the most conservative white collar work-

morning, April 4, some 3,000 ers are backing the transit strikstrikers voted unanimously to ers. Everywhere one hears the remain on the picket lines until refrain: "We ought to get rid they win their just demands. of Mayor Jeffries."

The transportation tie-up is More than a dozen rank and world's food? Not UNRRA, in file speakers, incensed by the accepted cheerfully by the popwhich some 48 nations sit, but strikebreaking tactics of Mayor ulace because they want the to win. demanded continuation

Brooklyn Rally Lashes Murder Of Fergusons

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Mar. 31 - Over 150 workers crowded Paragon Hall here tonight, in protest against the Jim-

Crow murder of the Ferguson brothers at Freeport, Long Island. They gave serious at-. erously to the collection of \$42. tention to the many speak-About half indicated their iners and to proposals for future action. Brooklyn branch of the SWP. Clifton Hall, chairman of the A resolution was unanimously

Strike Committee of the Amsterdam News workers, who recently won their demands after a militant three-week strike, called for unity. He told how much he and his fellow strikers had learned of real solidarity in labor struggles, and what that means for the Negro people. "The same unity of purpose,'

said Mr. Hall. "will bring results in the protests of the murder of the Ferguson brothers. My people have been looking for a long time in the wrong direction for salvation."

'MAKE REAL NOISE' Maude B. Richardson, Chairman of the Four Freedoms Committee, protested the Bilbo-Eastland-Ranklin tactics used against is a racial group being trampled of the Socialist Workers under the feet of oppressors, you Party in this city, held its and I and all of us, brothers and sisters, black and white alike, are night, with Herb Cappy, Taalso being trampled."

She urged those present to bring the case before clubs and churches with which they have contact. "Let's make a real noise," she continued, "that will be heard all over the United

States.' Gloria Wall of the Trotskyist Youth Group spoke, she said, for all youth and for Negro youth in particular. She described the discrimination they face in schools, on the job, and in every-

day life. "Perhaps," said Gloria. "the older people are tired of fighting, but the youth are not and they are ready to go on fighting injustice everywhere because they know there is no hope of any better life for Negro youth or any youth as long as this capitalist system continues." Sylvia Long of the City-wide

Youth Committee, whose members cooperated with the SWP and the Trotskyist youth to publicize the meeting, also spoke of youth's role in the struggle

against discrimination.



A Letter from "Home"

treatment as you.

Freeport, N. Y.

mind.

men.

The following is an imaginary message which is being written, not in ink, but certainly in blood by the forces of capitalist reaction in this country. It is addressed to all Negro Vets of World War II.

Then he shot and killed in per-"Dear Nigger Joes:

fect style both Charles and his "Just in case some of you are brother Alphonso. Joseph Ferstill laboring under the illusion guson was wounded in the that you fought and helped win shoulder and the other brother. this war for the purpose of ob-Richard, was taken to jail where taining equality and democracy; our judge sentenced him to 100 just in case you think you are now days or \$100 fine. going to enjoy freedom from fear "Some of these radicals made terest in future activities of the and minority persecution; just in

such a protest that we called our case you expect to be treated no own lily-white grand jury made longer as a dog but as a man, we up of the upper crust officials address this message to you.

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and landlords of Nassau County "Expect nothing of the sort in who promptly exonerated Joseph this, the America of reactionary Romeika, the cop, who had so monopoly capitalism. In fact exefficiently taken care of the Ferpect to be treated even worse guson family. than the other sections of the

"Just in case a review of this Negro poeple because the other case does not convince you to sections are not yet as militant stay in your own place, let us reas you, not as ready to fight as mind you of a couple of others. you, and probably not expecting "Another one of your democas much in the way of equal racy-filled Negro veterans resented a sign in a Birmingham

"You are coming back here to bus saying: "This end of the the states expecting too much and bus for the Negro race.' He took we intend to cut you down again the sign down. Our alert bus to your proper size. We are pro- driver, however, saw him and ceeding to do this right along shot him four times on the spot. but sometimes a little review of |He then called a cop who, after the previous lessons is a good having heard what this Negro thing to help imprint it on your did, put another bullet into his dusky head to make sure that he

"For that reason, even though would not live to pull such an it has been a few months ago, let arrogant trick again.

"Then you all know what hapus recall to you what happened to the Ferguson brothers up in pened in Columbia, Tenn. When a white radio repairman merely

slapped a nigger wench for talk-"As you no doubt remember, ing back to him in his store, her they were assembled on a reson, one of these Negro veterans, union after three of the four had had the nerve to strike the white returned from serving in this man. They were both booked past war. Figuring that they had for lynching after this but they had some part in saving the somehow got away. Anyway we world from Hitlerism and its docmass unemployment is here to trines of racial supremacy, they got even because we called in our State troopers who thoroughly shot up the colored section and took away all valuables found on the Negroes. They arrested 101 of them and killed

"Naturally, the proprietor retwo in jail. fused them even over their pro-

"We review these examples for you, 'lest you forget.' We've got called in our police force. One our own fascists here to spearhead our drive and our own storm troopers in the uniform of city, county and state. As conwas taking them to jail for discerns the police force let's hear no more of you Negro veterans evidently very well trained in the talking about 'The law-always art of preserving "law and order" bad-down with the law. (capitalist style), he correctly

"Let's hear you get back to that tune of Uncle Tom if you want to keep being live niggers: The Law-good or bad-still the "That was good enough for law?

our cop and he promptly lined "With greatest disrespect-as ever. their hands above their heads. "Your capitalist America."

ed so moch in the past years, that stay. Capitalism in the United had the gall to stop at the Free-States, therefore, is facing a port bus terminal and ask to be crisis of tremendously increased served just like they were white production with a shrinking domestic market. This must lead to a wide hunt for markets in the rest of the tests. After they left he properly world, Comrade Cappy pointed

out, as Wall Street seeks outlets of our star policemen, Joseph for its huge surpluses of money Romeika, immediately respondand goods. Since the same thing |ed. He arrested the four and is occurring in all capitalist countries, this struggle for world turbing the peace. Having been markets is leading inevitably toward World War III. The speaker predicted that 1946 would see this process unfold with increas-

sion?"

ing clarity. A number of interesting questions were asked by the audience, and two workers signed cards stating that they want to join them up against the wall with

William Farrell, Militant staff the Socialist Workers Party.

Workers Drawn To Tacoma SWP At First Meeting TACOMA, Wash., Mar. 28-Negro soldiers. "As long as there | The newly organized branch

orities.

adopted protesting the Ferguson

murders and demanding a Pub-

lic Committee of Investigation

composed of representatives of

labor, Negro and other minority

organizations to probe this case

and all conditions in Nassau

County which violate the civil

rights of Negro and other min-

first public meeting here to-

coma SWP organizer, speaking

on "1946-Prosperity or Depres-

The speaker presented an ar-

ray of facts proving that produc-

tivity per man-hour has increas-

On March 22 Lehman notified the UNRRA Council that there was in sight from the supplying authorities "less than one-third -I repeat. one-third - of our minimum requirements" of bread cereals for April. "This situation can spell only disaster and death." For the first quarter of 1946 UNRRA had shipped only 53 per cent of grain requirements. 20 per cent of rice requirements, 4 per cent of edible fats requirements.

Nor had the terrible gap between amounts supplied and **UNRRA** requirements—carefully computed on a malnutrition Combined Food Board.) level for each applying country -begun in 1946. Of UNRRA requirements for the second half of 1945, there was actually shipped: carbohydrates, 84 per*cent; edible fats 24 per cent; vegetable proteins 50 per cent; animal proteins 46 per cent.

What could be done to alleviate the situation?

Governor Lehman's own oftrepeated and unheeded recomdone about it.

All-out production. Lehman World." puts this first. It is a notorious sistence farming instead of pro- Russian Revolution. duction for the world market, in preparation for the time when riod was a long and a fruitful economic recovery elsewhere will one. The numerous questions recurtail U. S. exports.

bary of Agriculture Anderson socialism, the Russian Revoluhas resisted instituting full-scale tion and the program of the measures for encouraging farm- SWP. Many workers continued ers to sell their grain instead of to discuss the lecture for two feeding it to cattle and hogs. hours after the conclusion of the His order, at last issued today, question period.



food. What is generally not known only three governments: the fense of the walkout. U. S., the British and Canada. How this world dictatorship employs its power for its own interests-that is the most interesting story of all, most of it still unrevealed, but with broad

and speeches of the UNRRA threatened to break it. I changed Council session. (Next week: The Role of the

Wright Speaks In Philadelphia PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 29

The largest audience yet assembled at the new Philadelphia

headquarters of the Socialist Workers Party, 1303 W. Gerard mendations provide us with a Ave., tonight heard John G. useful framework for analyzing Wright, associate editor of the situation and what could be Fourth International, speak on "Soviet Russia in the Postwar

Workers from all sections of fact that since the end of the the city, representing a good war the U.S. Department of cross section of local industry, Agriculture has been discourag- were present. Also attending ing farmers from expanding were a number of Stalinist symgrain and dairy products, seek- pathizers who were interested in ing to turn them to "diversified | learning the attitude of the So-"agriculture," i.e., toward sub- cialist Workers Party toward the The question and answer pe

flected the eagerness of the Along the same line, Secre- audience to learn more about

number of contract changes which, in the words of a union spokesman, would mean "giving up some of the working conditions we had succeeded in bar-

> of our existence." Company proposals included payment of overtime rates only after 48 hours of work instead of 44 as at pres-

But there was a joker.

ent. STRIKE POPULAR

Never has a strike here been more popular. Everyone is down on the city administration because of the recent fare boost. Transportation service, bad before the fare raise, is now worse than ever. But it was Jeffries' strike-breaking statement which

of the walkout. Their local and CIO support the strike.

president, Jack Storey, who had Yale Stuart, field representais that the real world power over spoken against the strike the tive for the CIO State, County food is in the hands of a Com- previous Sunday, was forced to and Municipal Workers, which bined Food Board, consisting of make a militant speech in de- has 1,800 DSR maintenance members, declared: "We don't Even the small minority of believe in strikebreaking. Inmembers who originally voted structions have already gone out to our membership not to paragainst the strike were completely won over to its continuation. | ticipate in any strikebreaking at-As one worker said: "I was tempts."

against the strike at the start Both the Detroit and Wayne hints provided by the documents but when I read that Jeffries had County Federation of Labor (AFL) and the Wayne County my mind. I'll support the strike CIO Council are giving full sup-

port. Frank X. Martel, president of the AFL Council, in a ROOT OF PROBLEM ASK 18-CENT RAISE

four - page statement pledging The union is asking for an support to the strikers, con-18-cent hourly wage increase demned the city officials for similar to raises granted in auto. stalling negotiations for three steel and other industries. Their months. He attacked them as demands are especially just hewell as the newspapers for creatcause Jeffries and his Big Busing the false impression that the iness cohorts on Jaunary 1 booststrike violates the city charter. ed bus and car fares from six to ten cents, against the protests GIs IN FOREFRONT

of virtually all Detroiters. As in all recent strikes, returned Sam Sage, secretary of the GIS are in the forefront. At Wayne County CIO Council, in the meeting which voted the a radio broadcast Thursday walkout, veteran Paul S. Michnight, asserted that "all demands aelewski answered a plea for arbeing made by union men could bitration by stating: "I am a rebe met and the fares still be turned GI and I am telling you lowered." He stated further that we want to strike and end this the DSR had an \$8,500,000 sur- damned business once and for plus, a fact which "Jeffries does all. The people of Detroit all not want made public." want us to strike. They know

The Big Business politicians what Jeffries and his rotten who run the DSR had, during commission are doing to us." the entire three months of nego-Jeffries' call upon the governor tiations, offered absolutely nothto enforce a 30-day cooling-off ing to the union. Not until just period failed to frighten the him." before the March 31 strike vote, strikers for they are fully aware less than '24 hours before the

that this is not mandatory and contract expired, did the DSR the law cannot be enforced. The make a counter-offer of 15 cents. threat to bring in strikebreakers merely aroused them to further The DSR also demanded a strengthen their picket lines. The whole labor movement is

standing by to teach Jeffries that scabbing is not an easy or profitable profession in the working class city of Detroit. When gaining for during the 50 years

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reporter on the Ferguson case, gave a detailed account of the Ferguson family and the events following the murders. He related how Edward Ferguson, a brother of the two slain men, told him that the only reason he is

with his brothers that night. Farrell described the campaign of intimidation unleashed at the Nassau County Court House

alive today is that he wasn't

against any witnesses daring to appear in defense of the Fergusons. Negro-hating, labor-hating and anti-Semitism pervaded the atmosphere.

Farrell ended with a plea that in addition to holding protest meetings, we hit at the root of the problem.

> "The working class," he said. "must strike three blows for every one aimed against them. They must build their own political party, a genuine labor party. If serious, they must work to destroy the system of private profit which encourages discrimination and inequality and replace it with a socialist society." He urged those present to join the SWP and work toward this end.

The audience contributed gen-

asked by this reporter whether he thought Jeffries would really attempt to break the strike, local transit union president Storey answered: "I wish he would try. He'll get what's coming to

Meanwhile the capitalist newspapers and radio commentators are howling for new legislation to outlaw strikes in public utilities. Councilman Oakman brought up an amendment to the city charter to make it illegal for DSR employes to strike, to forbid city officials to negotiate with strikers, and to deprive

strikers of accumulated civil service and pension benefits.

WANT LABOR MAYOR

On one point the office of Frank X. Martel is unusually silent and evasive. No one will speak about the AFL support of Mayor Jeffries in the last election. But if AFL officials are silent, the men are not. "If we had a labor mayor there would be no DSR strike today," is the common sentiment voiced among the street car men as well as a large section of Detroit workers.

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around. One of these smart-

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Diary Of A Steelworker By T. Kovalesky

We bled the iron out of the trough, and in a few minutes the bright orange light had faded from the furnace floor. A dull red glow piled mistily up to the high



crossbeams, and beyond it, through the long ventilating slots in the roof, I saw a translucent blue. "Daylight already," 1 said to Slim. Slim yawned. He looked

tired just as all of us

did on the night shift. "Springtime," he answered, adding hopefully, "Time to go home pretty soon."

I thought of the bitter cold of the steel plant during the long winter months. The early dawn made me feel good: it meant no more snow, no more screaming blasts of wind that froze the sweat on your heavy underclothing. I wanted to talk about it, wanted Slim to talk to me about it.

"Springtime!" I said to Slim. "It won't be so tough around here for a while."

"Yeah.'

"Feel a little more like a human being." "Yeah!"

"Winter sure is hell on a blast furnace." "Yeah . . . Say, I wonder what time it's get ting to be?"

We picked up the water hoses to cool down the runners. Slim yawned. Silly to talk about the weather, I thought to myself, but springtime does something to a man. When you feel to coming, you don't want to let it go . . . breezes that don't hurt, no more snow to trudge and slip through, green things growing.

My thoughts had been jostling around, all the different pictures of springtime bumping together. Then one picture began to stand out, he picture of green things growing.

began to think of fields and forests and meadows full of green life springing up from the earth. Some of these things, I mused, were watched over, cared for, cultivated. If that care were taken from them, they'd die or grow p stunted and malformed. But the great trees of the forests, the sturdy, timeless ones, these had no care. These stood off the elements and grew and grew, gained strength and size.

And the weeds: try as the gardeners and farmers might, the weeds would always spring up again. Even though they were pulled out by the roots and burned each year, the next spring

always saw them pushing their way up stub-bornly out of the ground. You can't kill them, I thought. They are rough and uncultured." They are unloved by the farmers. They are attacked time and time again, but they always return to the fight. Small as they are, they are strong in their numbers.

It didn't take long for the idea to hit me. The weeds, the wild trees, these are the workers! It's this way. They dont' want us to get at their cultivated flowers, and they cut us down. They cut us down when the ancient slave rebellions were crushed. But we grew back up again.

They cut us down when they cut down the Paris Commune, the first workers' government in the world's history.

Over here in this country they cut us down at Haymarket. They cut us down in the railroad strikes and the mine strikes. They cut us down in the steel strike of 1919 and they cut down ten of our brothers in 1937 at Chicago for trying to organize the steel plants. BUT WE GREW UP AGAIN! They can't beat us. They can NEVER beat us, for we have the will and the stamina they lack.

In the never-ceasing class struggle, the capitalist class is like a bed of rare orchids. They are weak and must be guarded. They have their gardeners with their scythes, who keep cutting down the weeds as they come creeping toward. the orchids. They cut them down to protect the expensive crop, but the weeds keep springing up, keep closing in.

The time will come when gardeners and scythes wont' be enough to keep the weeds out of the flower beds, and then the crop will be choked off, and the weeds will reign supreme, because they have the stamina, the hard-bitten strength to survive.

This thought was in my mind the other morning as Slim and I watered down the trough and runners, cooling them so we could clean the scrap iron and slag out of them. I started to mention it. but then I thought it would sound sort of silly ... like a fairy tale. But the thought stuck with me, and going home I put the finishing touches to it, the part that really sounded like a fairy tale:

After the weeds conquered the whole earth. I thought, that's where the magic would come in. The whole world would turn into a garden! It may sound funny to you . . . but think it

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Notes Of A Seaman By Art Sharon

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In the March 22 West Coast Sailor, organ of the A.F.L. Sailors Union of the Pacific, there is • picture of the leading figures at the unveiling



tary of the SUP, and on

the other by C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor. Warren as the guest of honor made the principal address.

To thousands of west coast seamen Warren's name is associated with the bitter days during and shortly after the 1934 maritime strike, when the newly-reconstituted maritime unions fought for survival. Warren played a particularly vicious anti-labor role, for which he was eventually rewarded with the governorship. ,

He was the organizer of the notorious frameup of King, Ramsey and Conner, Marine Firemen's Union members, who were railroaded to San Quentin penitentiary.

The water-front unions had come through a tough battle and were preparing to fight again 000 employes in this area and for their right to existence. The "street" and against Republican Mayor especially the shipping fraternity there were terrified at the rise of the new young labor giant. The shipping parasites were determined to force. the seamen and the longshoremen back to their pre-strike status of virtual slavery, when they were at the complete mercy of Montgomery Street

unions organized in a Maritime Federation of the Pacific were exchanging blow for blow. ments and cheered the protesting Montgomery Street had met its match. To the strikers. Office workers high up shipowners organized in a Waterfront Employers Association it looked as if the day of expropriation had arrived.

In the midst of a tanker strike going on at

The Miners Will Not Forget Their Dead!" Writes West Virginia Striker To 'Militant'

Where Mine Owners' Greed Brought Disaster

This is Pineville, Kentucky, where 24 miners died on December 26, 1945, because the mine owners place profits above human life. Relatives and friends of the 31 men trapped in an explosion, gather at the entrance of the mine (indicated by arrow). The dismal shacks in the foreground are the "homes" in which the miners are forced to live.

Westinghouse Strikers Parade Around Philadelphia City Hall

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 29 - Militant members of strik- Motors in the same industry have ing Locals 107 and 111, CIO, United Electrical and Radio settled the strike, which began January 15, for an 181/2-cent an Workers, today paraded through 60 blocks of the busiest hour wage increase. Westingdowntown section here in protest against Westinghouse house, however, is trying to force Electric's continued brazen its workers to accept a settle-

refusal to grant the just that every ward-heeler and poliminimum demands of its 10,-Samuel's order barring mass

picketing. A cavalcade of 50 sign-covered autos and two sound trucks called the attention of /hundreds of thousands of local citizens to the union-busting offensive of the company and city officials.

Thousands lined the pavein the windows of the city's skyscrapers threw confetti, waved and shouted encouragement to the demonstrators. As the parade moved into City Hall square, the union sound trucks roared out the demands of the workers so |

ment, falsely claimed to be 181/2 tician could hear them. cents, which would amount in BUMPER TO BUMPER actuality to only a 9.7 cents av-For half an hour the union erage raise. It has also attached conditions to its wage offer that autos, rolling bumper to bumpare aimed directly at underminer, circled City Hall. Unable to ing and eventually destroying break the auto picket line as the union. they had the picket lines in the recent General Electric strike. INSULTING OFFER

the mounted police, known as The last insulting offer of "Cossacks," and other city strike-Westinghouse provides no wage breaking forces merely stood by increase at all for lamp workers. and watched closely. It would slash six cents an hour Despite the dramatic and effrom the present basic wage rate fective character of the large-

of women workers and eliminate demonstration and the great rethe policy of equal pay for equal sponse of the local populace, the work which the union won years boss-controlled press here gave. only the barest mention of the demonstration and concealed the issues behind the protest. General Electric and General

ago and which the NWLB approved by a directive at the start of the war. It would reduce vacation pay. There are other tricky wage proposals, all of which taken together would av-Reading Rail Shop Crafts Men erage out not to the claimed 181/2-cent raise but to a miser-

the miners now on strike. "I hope you will be able to use it," he wrote. We know our readers will find it a powerful argument for the miners' just demands for adequate safety measures and a welfare fund to protect their union brothers and provide for the bereaved families of men killed through the mine-owners' greed.

By Gus Nikolias (Special To The Militant)

WHEELING, W. Va., April 1 - Today the men who toil in the dark caverns far down in the earth will not go into the pits, for this day is their traditional holiday in honor of John Mitchell, pioneer of the 8-hour working day. And 19 is also the beginning of the national soft-coal miners' strike.

Parades are scheduled in several communities, with Welch, deep in southern West Virginia, expecting one of the largest crowds in history. Also the miners from Webster, Monongah, Marion, Harrison and Taylor Counties will parade through the streets of Fairmont, W. Va., in one of the northern coal fields' larger celebrations.

Yes, it seems strange that the men who labor against the greatest odds of any found in American industry could have cause to celebrate. As a personal witness to the Willow Grove explosion and Powhatan mine fire, I can find no words to describe the horror that the gaunt black tipples. the burning piles of gob; the crushed, burned bodies carried out of the dark pits, some in rubber bags, brings to my mind. Nor of the human suffering, of waiting brothers. wives and mothers, of grim children clinging to their mothers' dresses. Nor of black coal dust, methane, and black damp, of which one-half per cent concentration in air will kill immediately.

Small wonder then, that the American coal miner is the most militant of the earth's exploited.

Here are some figures. Fellow workers, look at them: FOR EVERY 350,000 TONS OF COAL, ONE HUMAN BEING MUST GIVE HIS LIFE.

March 6, 1900-Red Ash, W. Va., 46 killed. May 1, 1900-Scohfield, Utah, 200 killed. 19, 1902—Coal Creek, Tenn., 184 killed. Mav July 10, 1902—Johnstown, Pa., 112 killed. 20, 1903-Hanna, Wyo., 169 killed. June Jan. 25, 1904—Ceheswick, Pa., 179 killed. Feb. 20, 1905-Virginia City, Ala., 108 killed. 29, 1907-Stuart. W. Va., 85 killed Jan. 6, 1907-Monongah, W. Va., 361 killed. Dec. 17, 1907-Jacobs Creek, Pa., 239 killed. Dec. 28, 1908-Marianna, Pa., 154 killed. Nov. Dec. 29, 1908-Switchback, W. Va., 50 killed. 13, 1909-Cherry, Ill., 259 killed. Nov. April 7, 1911-Scranton, Pa., 73 killed. 8. 1911-Littleton, Ala., 128 killed. April March 26, 1912-Jed, W. Va., 80 killed. Oct. 22, 1913-Dawson, N. M., 263 killed. April 28, 1914-Eccles. W. Va., 181 killed. March 2, 1915-Layland, W. Va., 112 killed. April 27, 1917-Hastings, Col., 121 killed. 8, 1923-Dawson, N. M., 120 killed. Feb. March 8 1924 Castle Gate, Utah, 171 killed. April 28, 1924-Benwood, W. Va., 119 killed. 19, 1928—Mather, Pa,, 195 killed. May March 21, 1929-Parnassus, Pa. 46 killed. Dec. 17, 1929-McAlester, Okla., 61 killed. 27, 1930-McAlester, Okla., 30 killed. Oct. Nov. 5, 1930-Millfield, Ohio, 79 killed. 28, 1931-Dugger, Ind., 28 killed. Jan. Feb. 27, 1932-Boissevain, Va., 38 killed. Dec. 9, 1932-Yancey, Ky., 23 killed. 23, 1932-Moweaqua. Ill., 54 killed, Dec. 2, 1936-Macbeth, W. Va., 10 killed. 15, 1937-Sullivan, Ind., 20 killed. July March 11, 1937, Macbeth, W. Va., 18 killed. Oct. 15, 1937-Birmingham, Ala., 34 killed. April 22, 1938—Grundy, Va., 45 killed. 9, 1940-Bartley, W. Va., 91 killed. Jan. March 16, 1940-Willow Grove, Ohio, 73 killed. July 5, 1944—Powhatan Point, O., 66 killed. Dec. · 26, 1945-Pineville, Ky., 24 killed. Jan. 17, 1946-Welch. W. Va., 13 killed.



RARES

But these were new times and the maritime

that time an engineer on a ship was mysteriously killed. Earl Warren, then an obscure District Attorney in Alameda County, had his opportunity to serve Montgomery Street. He became the crusading hero of the shipowners. Arresting two officials and one militant rank and filer of the Marine Firemen's Union, King, Ramsey and Conner, he led the hysterical campaign for

yed such zeal as a District Attorney in the King-Ramsey-Conner frame-up that his political fortune was made with the shipping fraternity on Montgomery Street in San Francisco.

Although Sacramento is the capital of the state of California, and presumably its political senter, the real power is in the offices on Montmery Street in San Francisco. There side by side are the big banks, brokerage houses, oil serporation offices, the shipping operators and the silk-hat "farmers" of Montgomery Street, corporation owners of California's giant agrisuitural "factories in the field."

In this "Wall Street of the West" the parasite hipping fraternity plays the dominant role. Their leadership on the "street" goes back for over seventy-five years of California history. They are the chief manipulators of the capitalist political machines. Governors' and Mayors' offlees are decided by them.

Barl Warren came to the attention of Montmery Street at a very critical time. The 1934 neral strike in San Francisco had just passed.

Success Story

Among the most familiar of capitalist-inspired fables is the one entitled: "Poor Boy Makes Good In a Big Way." This theme has become as standardized as Heinz catsup, Campbell's Beans or Truman's speeches.

Story writers for the popular fiction magazines synically refer to it as "literary sandwich filling between advertisements." Hollywood's scenario writers term it "the gimmick." University soclologists give it the fancier label of "The American Dream."

Everyone knows the basic elements of the story. Poor boy: hard-working, ambitious, loyal, likeable. He attracts the attention of the big boss by some unusual stroke. After amazing, outwitting and confounding enemies and competitors, he arrives at the end of the last reel or paragraph with the boss's daughter in one hand and a top job or lush contract in the other.

An increasing number of workers, who have watched this version of life and labor in these United States unfold on the movie screen, have become skeptical about its correspondence to reality. Looking around them at work and in their neighborhoods, they haven't noticed their relatives or acquaintances mount the ladder of business success in any such spectacular fashion. Most of them remain fixed in the same sort of jobs or occupations, with little or no advancement.

On the other hand, they see a billionaire's grandson like Henry Ford II jump clear to the presidency of the giant Ford Motor Company before he reaches the age of thirty. And the son of the Morgan partner Stettinius moved ahead so fast that he became head of U.S. Steel, Secretary of State, and permanent U.S. Delegate to the UNO in one decade.

Can it be that America today is "the land

their conviction as alleged murderers. These innocent men were railroaded to San Quentin for long sentences. Earl Warren's political fortune was made.

governor's seat and was even seriously considered as a presidential nominee two years ago.

Another hero of the shipowners also occupies a political post now. Roger Lapham, leader of the Waterfront Employers Association, today is mayor of San Francisco. A few years ago he was the particular "buddy" of Harry Bridges, Stalinist leader of the CIO longshoremen, who appeared with Lapham on the public platform and exchanged mutual compliments.

At that time the SUP was justly indignant at Bridges' fraternal embrace of a shipowner spokesman. But memories are short. And Montregardless of layoffs. gomery Street, which never forgets, won a lit-

tle victory out at the Olivet cemetery at the SUP ceremony.

Rotten politics makes strange bedfellows.

By William F. Warde

of opportunity" only for the rich and well-connected? Do you have to belong to the aristocracy of wealth and privilege in order to get a place at the top?

In answer to these questions we should like to submit the case of Riccardo Salmona. His unorthodox success story is told in the April 3 yesterday's meeting. It was the N. Y. World-Telegram, by Charles Ventura in the column appropriately headed "Society Today.'

"For years Ricky went his graceful way playing a fair game of tennis, being a charming companion at bridge and doing useless thing well, He and his attractive wife, the former Daphne I. C. Kane O'Connell, flitted about from Newport to Palm Beach to Paris, and life was just one long carefree idyll.

"Overnight Ricky's whole life has changed He now has one of the most important jobs in the Kaiser-Frazer automobile company. Did he burn the midnight oil? Did he marry the boss's daughter or do any of the things young men are advised to do to succeed? The answer to all these questions is no.

"Ricky took his little daughter to have her. hair fixed one day. He met Mrs. Joseph Frazer, who was an old friend, in the elevator. She invited him to a cocktail party. Mr. Frazer was there. Mr. Frazer was an old friend.

"Ricky said (just for a laugh), 'How about a job, Joe?' Joe said, 'Sure. You're just the man to handle our foreign agencies. Report to Harry Dodge.'

"Mr. Salmona leaves this Friday via American Airlines for Europe."

So you see, all it takes to make good under capitalism is honesty, hard-work, sobriety, perseverance, intelligence, initiative, etc., etc.

Protest Undemocratic Policy UNION-BUSTING CLAUSES Aside from its phony wage

SPECIAL TO THE MILITANT READING, Pa., April 1-Vigorous rank and file protest Montgomery Street marked him well. He against the undemocratic practices of the leadership of safe-guards for union security traveled the road of political preferment to the the local railway shop craft unions was witnessed here at

> the layoffs which have hit 9 the Reading shops.

The main opposition arose around the action of the top lead-

ership in changing Rule No. 27 in March 1945 without consultation or approval of the membership. Rule No. 27 originally provided for a reduction of hours and division of the work to prevent lay-

offs. It was revised to permit maintenance of a 48-hour week

Despite protests and resolutions opposing the change, the General Chairmen proceeded to put the revision into effect. This has resulted in continuation of the 48-hour week while numer-ous workers have suffered unemployment.

WANT UNION DEMOCRACY

That the railway shop workers here are fed up with the bureaucratic, undemocratic tactics of the leadership was demonstrated by the big turnout at largest of its kind in many years despite efforts of leaders of some of the crafts to discourage attendance. Among the unions represented were the black-

smiths, boilermakers, carmen and machinists. Member after member spoke

and pulled no punches in their attacks against the General Chairmen, whose chief interests seem to be to collect their salaries and dupe the membership. Some typical statements heard



Hartford, Conn.

a local general membership meeting yesterday to discuss at the meeting were: "It's time to clean house"; "We must elect a leadership that will fight for the demands of the membership"; "The battle for union democracy is of utmost importance to every union member."

CHAIRMAN BOOED Other pointed references were

made to the conduct of the leadership and the necessity for closer cooperation of the different craft memberships: "Every railroad worker must be aroused to the undemocratic tactics of the General Chairmen and the leadership"; "Either

you (General Chairmen) abide by the decision of the majority of the membership or we will. must band ourselves together regardless of craft membership and fight for complete union de-

mocracy." One General Chairman was roundly booed, to his visible embarassment, when he tried to claim that the railroad setup is the "most democratic" union structure in America.

FOR WORKERS' CONTROL

A highlight of the meeting was the remarks of a Machinist union member, who said: "If the management can only operate the shops by laying off workers to maintain its profits, let's cut out the profits and let the work-

ers operate the shops. Then there will be no layoffs." This was greeted by a cheer that would have given the profiteering rail barons little com-The membership at the meeting determined to push their. fight until union policies and ac- mium for paper.

tions are returned to the membership where they rightfully be-Suggestions to have regular

meetings of this type were met pose any action "forcing a paper with approval. The indications are that the rail shop workers not commit himself on the grave here are going to play an important progressive role in the next period. abarrate controlled.

Aside from its phony wage offer, the company proposes that the union give up virtually all its hard-won contractual and agree to "company security." Its brazen proposals would eliminate seniority clauses and permit the company to fire the best union militants for strikes that may be provoked by the company.

Among the banners being carried by the strikers before the two closed Westinghouse plants here are: "Prices going up, How about wages?"; "Westinghouse made profits from both sides"; "30% of Mitsubishi owned by Westinghouse": "From bayonets to riot sticks": "We get storm troopers-No work"; "Everyone settled but Westinghouse"; and "Lockout at Westinghouse."

Labor Press Hit of the membership or we will vote you out of office"; and "We must hand ourselves together we **Grab Newsprint**

(Continued from Page 1) ing Workers; Electrical Union World, AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; the American Veterans' Committee Bulletin; the Catholic War Veteran; Catholic Worker; Jewish Examiner; and the Co-Operator, organ of the Eastern Co-Operative League.

The delegation also requested

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an investigation to "see if there is a black market in newsprint.' Such a black market would necessarily work to the advantage of the Big Business press which can afford to pay a pre-

No promise of fair allocation of newsprint was made by the John Small, said he would opto shut down entirely," but did danger that the size and circulation of the labor press may be SUPPORT THE MINERS' STRIKE

Let the capitalists and their servants whine on the day of the big strike. But the miners will not forget their dead!

WESTINGHOUSE STRIKERS **RESIST UNION-BUSTING**

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an hour for 45 per cent of hourly | continue negotiations or meet workers. with the union unless its wage offer was accepted in full, to-

Although the company ads lied that it was paying higher gether with its refusal to exrates than the other major companies, a comparison study made able period, created conditions by the union, and never chalthat made mediation imposlenged, shows that Westinghouse has paid substantially lower wage rates than General Elec-

tric, the largest corporation in the industry. On April 1, Westinghouse discontinued its previous union contracts. This was a prelude to an attempt to launch a backto-work movement. The company is trying to make separate settlements with local unions. The previous contracts had been concluded in several instances. with local unions rather than

with the International Union. Now the company is trying to take advantage of this to break the unity of the strike.

COMPANY EXPOSED

In both Philadelphia and East Pittsburgh, where Westinghouse has two of its biggest plants, the company has secured injunctions and court orders to ban mass picketing. Local police forces are being used to attack picket lines and herd scabs. The use of state CPA, whose administrator, police has been threatened. That the company has no in-

tentions of bargaining in good faith with the union has been admitted by government mediators. In withdrawing from the case, they reported:

sible." The company is being strengthened in its strikebreaking offensive by the generous financial aid of the federal government. Even if the company makes no profits in 1946, the carry-back provisions of the excess profits tax law will net it \$11,200,000 from the publictreasury. If it loses \$10,000,000. it will get a refund from the same source of \$19,750,000.

tend the contract for a reason-

The corporation is striving to starve out the workers, drive a wedge in their ranks, conclude separate local agreements on its terms and break the strike with a back-to-work movement aided by injunctions and police force.

The full power of the labor movement and its material support can ensure a victory for the courageous Westinghouse strikers, who at this writing have been battling on the picket lines for 81 days. A defeat for the Westinghouse workers would be a heavy blow against all organized labor. The unions everywhere must be rallied to a united defense of the UE picket lines at Westinghouse and to provide relief and material aid to the strikers' families. All-out aid to the



"The refusal of the eq